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UAE CELEBRATIONS: Rulers and sheikhs from the seven emirates gathered Thursday for the marriage of Sheikh Mohammed, third son of UAE Vice President and Dubai Ruler Sheikh Rashid bin Said Al-Maktoum. Picture shows the sword dance which ended the month-long celebrations. UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan (right) is shown leading the dance. (AP Photo)

Carter expected 'to do something' for Palestinians

CAIRO, April 28 (AP) — Herman Eilts, the United States ambassador to Cairo who has worked intimately with President Jimmy Carter on a Middle East peace settlement, says he is convinced the American leader "will do something" to solve the Palestinian problem.

"At a private luncheon, President Carter told us: 'I feel committed, personally towards the Palestinian cause... I want to do something for the Palestinians,'" Eilts said in an interview published Saturday by the "Al-Ahram" newspaper.

"I am convinced President Carter will achieve that aim. Judging from my position with him I can say he will do something on the basis of his ethical convictions and moral commitments," Eilts was quoted as saying.

The Camp David agreements, a framework for Middle East peace negotiated by the United States, Egypt and Israel, provide for Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza. But the Palestinians seek a state of their own.

The U.S. ambassador, who is to leave the foreign service in June for a post as professor on the Middle East at Boston University was among the handful of aides who participated in the Camp David negotiations.

Eilts, who became U.S. ambassador to Cairo in 1977, has worked intimately with two American presidents: Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, as well as two secretaries of state, Henry Kissinger and Cyrus Vance on means of settling the 30 year old Middle East conflict.

"I feel now (after a framework for Middle East peace has been set and after the Egyptian-Israeli treaty) that a chapter in the history of the Middle East has been closed," Eilts said. "I came to the Middle East as one of the first American experts on the region and I leave it to become a professor on Middle Eastern affairs."

Alfred Atherton, roving U.S. ambassador to the Middle East, who played a prominent role in the 16-month-long negotiations between Egypt and Israel that culminated in a peace pact, is widely expected to replace Eilts in Cairo. But no official announcement from the White House has been made on the issue.

Rise in investment income forecast for M.E. states

ABU DHABI, April 28 (AP) — Investment income of the Middle East and Gulf oil states is expected to exceed \$15 billion by 1980, according to a study by the Arab Monetary Fund.

The study was supervised by Odeh Aburdene, who is on secondment from the First National Bank of Chicago. His report covers Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The Arab oil states now own chunks of property stretching from South Carolina to the Champs Elysees in Paris, the report said.

The combined revenues from overseas investment rose from \$781 million in 1972 to an estimated \$10.9 billion in 1978. It is expected to rise to \$13 billion this year, the report added.

Aburdene said he believes the importance of investment incomes is much underrated by international economists. The foreign assets of the countries under study have jumped from \$9.7 billion to over \$122 billion because of oil price hikes and increased production.

"Their use of oil revenues has been exceedingly cautious and conservative. They have not engaged in financial maneuvers to upset the economies of those nations where their oil is sold and where their funds are invested," the report said.

"Nor have they bought the major companies in the world as was predicted in 1974. These

countries want to turn their financial assets into something with a solid underlying capital value, not just into a big portfolio producing a return," it added.

Aburdene said "these cautious investment policies" have been an underlying factor in the stability of U.S. dollar.

"It must be kept in mind that whatever value the dollar retained on the international money exchange during the wave of dollar selling last September-October, it was due to the fact that oil producing countries, particularly Saudi Arabia, refused to switch any substantial part of dollar investments to, say, Deutschmarks or Japanese yen," his report said.

It added that the Saudis have gone to great lengths "to emphasize their desire to cooperate with the U.S. in order to strengthen the dollar."

The bulk of the foreign assets consists of deposits with foreign banks, mainly in dollars, in the U.S. and Europe. A large portion of Saudi Arabia's foreign assets are invested in U.S. government obligations, notably treasury bills, bonds and notes. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi have purchased top rated corporate bonds and notes. Direct investment is very little.

The report said Kuwaiti stakes in British financial institutions, such as banks and insurance companies are worth 70 million pounds sterling.

Sadat again attacks opponents of treaty

ISMAILIA, Egypt, April 28 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat, in a scathing attack on his Arab critics, said here Saturday that Arab states who broke off relations with Egypt were "politically adolescent," and "isolated from their peoples."

In a meeting with local political leaders in this Suez Canal town, Sadat said: "The Arabs are trying to export their home troubles to us because they are shaken with fear at home."

Sixteen Arab countries, including Egypt's two main financial backers Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, have severed diplomatic ties with Egypt in retaliation for its separate peace treaty with Israel.

"The Arabs are now passing through a childish and politically immature stage," Sadat said. "They are trying to export their home troubles to us because they are shaken with fear at home."

Nineteen members of the 22-member Arab League decided last month in Baghdad to move the League headquarters temporarily from Cairo to Tunis and impose political and economic sanctions against Egypt.

Earlier Friday, Minister of State Butros Ghali said the Arab world's diplomatic break with Cairo was basically symbolic. "We still have direct contact with different Arab governments through channels other than diplomatic ones," Ghali told a news conference.

The ruptures in relations "have a symbolic value rather than a real value," he said.

Ghali added that there had been no withdrawal of Arab funds from Egyptian banks despite the decision of Arab states critical of the treaty to impose an economic boycott on Egypt.

His news conference came after a three-day visit to Egypt by Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman to discuss the implementation of the peace treaty.

On his return to Tel Aviv Friday Weizman said Egypt's isolation in the Arab world would probably influence the speed of normalization in relations with Israel.

"The Egyptians are going to be very careful in the normalization process. They have lots of problems in the Arab world and we have to understand them," he told

reporters. During his Egyptian visit, Weizman met President Sadat and Egyptian Defense Minister Lt. Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, for the first working session of the joint military committee which will deal with Israel's military withdrawal from Sinai.

Israeli and Egyptian army officers on the joint military committee will meet at Tassa in the U.N.-held buffer zone in Sinai on Sunday.

Just before leaving Cairo Weizman and Gen. Ali told reporters that Israel will withdraw from the Sinai capital of El Arish on May 25, two days before schedule.

Speaking on Israeli radio, Weizman said that after El Arish is returned the process of normalization in relations

Egypt should be built up gradually in order not to hurt the "sensitivities" of either side.

The report disclosed details of the recommendations by the committee headed by the director-general of the prime minister's office, Dr. Eliahu ben Elissar, which is examining future relations with Egypt.

The Egyptians are apparently not interested in economic cooperation with Israel at present. But they want Israeli help in receiving international aid and cooperation in international organizations, the radio said.

It said the Bank of Israel has suggested that the central banks of Israel and Egypt open accounts with each other to pay directly for

goods from each other. The bank said it would be interested in economic cooperation with Israel at present. But they want Israeli help in receiving international aid and cooperation in international organizations, the radio said.

Vance due

In another development, the Cairo daily "Al-Ahram" reported Saturday that U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will visit Egypt and Israel next month.

(Continued on back page)

Yamani: No date fixed for oil producers' meet

RIYADH, April 28 (SPA) — Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said Saturday that no date has yet been set for a meeting between OPEC members and non-OPEC Western oil exporters.

Yamani's remarks came after his meeting with Norwegian Oil Minister Bjartmar Gjerde Saturday, in which the two discussed the general topic of the North-South dialogue.

He said the two discussed what future course the meetings should take "in view of the fact that Norway is an industrialized Western state, and at the same time an oil producing and exporting country and has identical interests with those of the industrialized consumer states."

Norway has extensive oil fields in the North Sea which it shares with the United Kingdom, another Western state which

would be included in the proposed meeting between the two groups of oil producers.

Yamani said not only oil matters but the proposed meeting was discussed during his talks with Gjerde, but nothing firm was decided. Yamani said he hoped Gjerde's visit would be another step in organizing the meeting.

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France, Soviet Union agree to expand cooperation, detente

MOSCOW, April 28 (R) — France and the Soviet Union Saturday signed a wide-ranging document pledging to develop East-West detente, but remained divided on disarmament, a crucial issue in talks this week.

President Leonid Brezhnev and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing signed an eight-page document entitled "program of development of cooperation between France and the Soviet Union in the interest of detente and peace."

The signing ceremony, in Vladimir Hall of the Kremlin, followed a three-day official visit here by the French president.

The French were the main Western supporters of moves to promote East-West detente in the early 1970s, but they have not yet agreed on how to promote disarmament.

Saturday's document said both countries agreed there existed grounds for consultations to limit the arms race "so as to understand better their respective positions and bring them closer together."

The Soviet Union has proposed that all nuclear powers should join the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT), currently limited to the United States and the Soviet Union. But France has rejected this call, saying that it wants to retain completely independent control of its nuclear force.

At the same time, the French government has called for a European conference on limiting conventional arms.

In a written statement for the press, Brezhnev said of the Franco-Soviet talks: "Of course, we did not have identical views on all the questions discussed. But

both sides obviously did not expect this."

"On most of the issues discussed, a large degree of mutual understanding was achieved."

The document on detente also said that France and the Soviet Union would cooperate in the international arena to reinforce "peace, consolidate detente and eliminate areas of tension."

On East-West detente, it said the two countries considered it "the only way at present which would ensure peace and good relations between states, understanding and cooperation."

Soviet spokesman Leonid Zamyatin told a press conference that Brezhnev had spoken of a desire for the 35 signatories of the 1975 European security accord to promise "not to be the first to use nuclear or conventional arms."

The Soviet Union presented no threat to them, he added.

"We do not need a single inch of territory," Zamyatin quoted Brezhnev as saying.

Among other documents signed was a long-term program to

develop the two countries' economic relations.

The program is designed to cover the years 1980-1990 — over the next two Soviet economic five-year plans.

It said France and the Soviet Union would cooperate in agriculture, industry, trade and transport.

The program added that the two countries would cooperate in efforts to find new energy sources and means.

While the trade agreement covered eight pages, it did not mention any specific projects.

French officials said these were included in annexes to the agreement, which were not made public.

Giscard was the first Western leader to meet Brezhnev this year. His visit was originally scheduled to take place a month ago, but was postponed because Brezhnev was suffering from a lung inflammation.

The French president toured Moscow Saturday afternoon and left for Paris in the evening.

Afghanistan celebrates amid growing rebellion

By Trevor Wood

KABUL, April 28 (R) — Afghanistan's pro-communist government is nervously celebrating its first anniversary in power this weekend while facing a spreading insurrection along its eastern border and a host of other troubles.

Steel-helmeted troops and armored vehicles are guarding strategic crossroads in the tense, flag-decked capital.

President Nur Muhammad Taraki reviewed a parade Friday by the armed forces which brought him to power in a bloody coup, but diplomats say he has put down at least three mutinies in his army in recent weeks.

Although the government does not seem to face an imminent threat to the capital, it could lose control of an important eastern province where heavy fighting is going on, the diplomats said.

Frequent road blocks, a ban on travel inside the country for both foreigners and Afghans and student demonstrations of neighboring governments point to mounting dissent among the country's leaders, the diplomats said.

The city is dressed with red flags for the three-day anniversary celebrations and many shops have painted their doors and shutters red.

But the mood was one of forced gaiety and Afghans appeared unusually taciturn. Diplomats said they found it difficult to make contact with Afghans, who feared reprisals if they were seen meeting with foreigners.

A widespread purge has been underway in Kabul for some weeks, aimed at any Afghans — from civil servants to taxi drivers — suspected of maintaining contacts with the West. The government-controlled press makes frequent vitriolic attacks against Western radio broadcasts.

The government apparently attached great importance to this weekend's celebrations to counter reports of insurgency and underline its permanency.

But with revenues declining by as much as 75 per cent, according to diplomats, workers were forced to contribute two days' wages and traders were subjected to arbitrary levies on their profits to pay for the festivities.

In the latest mutiny about 150

soldiers are believed to have been killed in fighting on the outskirts of Jallabad, Afghanistan's second city, 120 kms east of Kabul.

Reports circulating among diplomats said two Soviet advisers serving with the army were killed and 60 others were immediately evacuated to the capital.

As many as 100 Russians were believed killed last month when army engineers joined civilians and took over the western city of Herat. Some diplomats say several thousand people may have been killed by the time the government retakes the city five days later.

Westerners also gave first-hand accounts of heavy fighting for a strategic town in eastern Kunar province bordering Pakistan and around the southern city of Kandahar.

They supported the stories of heavy fighting which have been told by exiled Afghan dissidents in the Pakistan frontier town of Peshawar.

The dissident groups claim to speak for tribesmen fighting to preserve their Islamic traditions against what they see as a threat posed by the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

Fighting, which broke out shortly after the regime seized power, appears to have intensified in recent weeks. But while the government appears to be increasingly jittery, diplomats generally agreed it faced no immediate danger.

The government recently received new infusions of arms from the Soviet Union, they said, and the rebels have so far shown themselves unable to coordinate the outbreaks of fighting.

Eyewitness reports suggest, however, that the government is faced with the possibility of losing the mountainous but fertile province of Kunar. They said heavy fighting is raging for the town of Chagha Serai, 190 kms east of Kabul which controls access to the province.

Rebels have blown up the road leading from Jallabad and they put down a withering hail of fire on convoys of troop reinforcements.

According to the exiled dissidents, rebels fight their way into the town under cover of darkness but retire at daybreak when the government sends in fighter-bombers.

They also claim government

troops recently ordered residents from their homes and slaughtered about 350 of them.

Chagha Serai is a town of about 2,000 people living in single-story houses but it is the center of economic life for about 8,000 people on outlying villages.

In nearby Jallabad, two battalions of the seventh artillery brigade mumbled last Saturday when they were ordered to join the fighting.

Diplomats said battalion commander Maj. Islam Gul shot dead the governor and military commander of the province and led the troops in a night-time of government officers and members of the ruling Khalq Party.

Government response was swift. A commando unit has flown in from Kabul within 90 minutes. Diplomats said the mutineers capitulated the following day.

Fighting has also erupted in other scattered parts of the country. Tribesmen, angered by the government's leftwing measures and erosion of their conservative way of life, briefly held the town of Mozare Shariff, near the border with the Soviet Union.

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After Egypt -Israel peace

Arab arms body viewed in Riyadh

By a Staff Reporter
JEDDAH, April 28 — The chairman of the Arab Organization for Industrialization, Faisal ibn Sultan Al-Qassimi, was quoted Saturday as saying that he had brought to Riyadh a three-point plan for the future of the arms manufacturing body after the signing of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel late last month.

He told "Al-Bilad" that he would discuss the plan with Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, but the organization's future would eventually be

decided by the four member states - Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. Qassimi said that his meeting with Prince Sultan would "serve Arab interests in many ways." He did not elaborate on that, on what he will say to Prince Sultan or what his proposal is.

Qassimi is a national of the Emirates, and former chief of staff of the Abu Dhabi Defense Force. He was appointed to head the AOI after the Egyptian board chairman, Dr. Ashraf Marwan, was removed late last year.

Prince Sultan said last week that

the future of the AOI is being reviewed in the light of the peace treaty, and all the founder members would have to decide what should happen. The decision should "best serve the interests of the Arab world."

The AOI was set up in 1975 to help Egypt diversify its sources of arms after 20 years of complete dependence on the Soviet Union. The initial capital was \$1.04 billion, with the Gulf states putting up the money and Egypt the manpower.

It is still unclear what may become of the AOI, but Qassimi

told the Jeddah weekly "Iqraa" in January that even if a peace between Egypt and Israel were signed, the organization would continue. "Does peace with Israel," he said, "mean that the armies of the four members will be abolished?" At the same time he made it clear that any Arab League member state could join with the consent of the four founding member countries, and he hoped others would.

Qassimi said then that contracts had been signed with British firms to manufacture Westland Lynx helicopters, Rolls-Royce engines and British Aerospace Swingfire anti-tank missiles at plants in Egypt, and the first American Motors Jeeps had begun coming off the production line for the organization in Egypt that month.

Later that month Qassimi said in an interview in Dubai that "at the moment any new manufacturing plant will be in Cairo. Egypt is so practical for us. It has the manpower, the factories, the skills and above all it is less expensive than any other place."

"First and foremost the AOI is a commercial organization and it has to make money. Such factors as the cheapest location will affect our choice in deciding where to build our industries."

In 3rd plan, Sultan says

Forces development reviewed

By a Staff Reporter
JEDDAH, April 28 — The Council of Ministers is studying how the armed forces will be developed under the third five-year plan that starts in 1980, and the study is expected to be completed before the next annual budget is published in May, Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan said.

In an interview published in "Al-Medina" Saturday, Prince Sultan said that this was "so that the budget for the year following next year will certainly serve both the people and our country."

He also said that conscription was inevitable. Intended as it is to serve Islam first, and then the people and the country, the government was serious about bringing it in.

The order for its introduction was expected to be issued before August. Men between 18 and 35 would be liable for call-up, with only those unable or unfit to serve exempted.

Prince Sultan wished that he could use the potential of every individual in the Kingdom to serve the armed forces, but that it would clearly be impractical to take people away from other work.

He repeated his statement last week on the future of the Arab Organization for Industrializa-

tion, the arms manufacturing venture between Egypt, the Kingdom, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, after the peace treaty signed last month between Israel and Egypt. The body was owned by all four states, and Saudi Arabia alone could not decide for the others. Studies were in progress and all four states would announce any decision. (See related story).

He regretted Egypt's acting alone toward Israel, but hoped it was only a temporary phase. "I wish to repeat," he said, "that the Arab nation is not represented by one state or one people. It will continue its struggle for the restoration of its just rights, by



Prince Sultan

peace or by war." Prince Sultan said that the Kingdom had already condemned the troubles in Lebanon, which were a denial of all religion, morality and patriotism.

"I believe Israel will never succeed with its provocation and crimes against our Palestinian brothers in Lebanon. Right will be the more triumphant the longer Israel continues its savage assaults and senseless behavior."

New rules for nationals

out shortly, Naif says

RIYADH, April 28 (SPA) — Final studies have been completed on new civil status rules, and the regulations will be published shortly, Minister of the Interior Prince Naif says.

In a statement in "Al-Riyadh" newspaper Saturday, said that the new set-up aimed at reorganizing the central machinery and new replacing the existing rules.

The new rules have been framed in cooperation with the secretariat-general of the Council of Ministers, which was due to hold a discussion on the subject shortly.

Under the new system, every Saudi national of 15 years of age and over will carry an identity card. Family cards will have the names of family members and full information about them.

JEDDAH, April 28 (SPA) — Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz is to open Jeddah's northern zone police station Sunday, it was

announced here Saturday. The new station will have foot and car patrols, as well as security units for embassies. Sophisticated electronic instruments will help the officers carry out their duties more effectively.

Meanwhile, Brig. Faisal Al-Hareidi, city police chief stated that security work was being divided into several branches as part of a general security plan for the bigger towns of the Kingdom.

According to the plan, Jeddah has been divided into six sections so that it can be covered from all possible security aspects, he said.

In accordance with the plan, the security department was striving to create a distinctive quality of training in its men with a sufficient standard of general and specialized education.

Fawaz opens conference on Islamic cities

MECCA, April 28 (SPA) — Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz opened the preparatory conference of the representatives of Islamic capitals here Saturday.

The conference, convened by the Secretariat — General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, will consider the establishment of an organization for Islamic capitals.

Prince Fawaz told delegates that since the OIC was established the Kingdom has worked with other member states to strengthen the bonds of solidarity and brotherhood, "so that our Islamic heritage, values and morals could be well maintained."

"We are now working together to frame a statute for the Organization for Islamic Capitals to preserve our Islamic culture in cities in a way that suits every Muslim."

The organization would make efforts to exchange expertise to solve the problems of Islamic cities.

Mayors from 42 Muslim countries are attending the conference.



ARRIVAL: Norwegian Energy Minister Bjartmar Gjerdar arrives in Jeddah Friday, welcomed at the airport by Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani. (See story page one).

Literacy drive discussed

Brazil-Saudi commission meets

By Timothy Sisley

JEDDAH, April 28 — The first meeting of the Saudi-Brazilian Joint Commission since its establishment in 1974 was held here Saturday, the Saudi side led by Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic and Cultural Affairs Sheikh Abdullah Alireza.

Sheikh Abdullah said afterwards that cooperation in economic, commercial, technical and financial affairs had been discussed. Possible Brazilian assistance to the Kingdom's developing a coffee industry was also

talked about, as were making use of Brazilian experience in fighting adult illiteracy and possible afforestation in the Kingdom. The recommendations of the meeting would be sent to both governments.

The Saudi side included representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance and National Economy, Industry and Electricity, Commerce, Planning and Agriculture and Water, as well as bankers and delegates from the National Center for Science and Technology and the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce.

The 15-man Brazilian delegation was made up of 15 representatives of government agencies and various ministries, led by Marcos Azambuja, undersecret-

ary at the Foreign Ministry for Eastern Affairs.

Brazilian Ambassador Murilo Gurgel Valecote said Saturday that a representative of his government's "highly successful" illiteracy eradication campaign was with the team, and that there was a possibility Saudi Arabia might be interested in assistance in its own efforts to wipe out illiteracy, as part of a Brazilian effort to provide more help to Saudi Education.

The ambassador said that the Brazilian side had not come with any preconceived ideas about possible directions of cooperation, but would rather be trying to examine where they might lie with the Saudi officials.

The delegation will be spending two days in Jeddah and two in Riyadh. It had arrived here Friday. The ambassador expected the team to meet Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosabi and Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail.

Brazil is trying to offset some of a large trade deficit with the Kingdom. Last year it sent \$25 million of goods, taking in return \$1.2 billion of oil. That is around 191,000 barrels of Saudi crude a day, contributing to a total consumption of some million barrels.

Brazilian domestic lifting is running at about 180,000 barrels a day.

Brazil's exports of manufactured goods include three short-range transport aircraft that Saudia has just bought. The Kingdom's Volkswagens largely come from Brazil.

Seoul minister examines

Korean builders at work

JEDDAH, April 28 — South Korean Minister of Construction Jae Il Ko arrived in Riyadh Saturday from the Eastern Province on a trip that is part of a tour to see Korean builders at work in the Middle East.

Appointed to his post only in January, it is Ko's first visit to the area and is principally to familiarize himself with conditions for his fellow-countrymen. His trip also takes in Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan.

The Saudi stop is at the invitation of Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteb to see the market the Korean Embassy in Jeddah describes as the biggest in the Middle East for South Korean firms.

Saturday Ko held talks with Prince Miteb and Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri on Korean firms here.

Palestinian rights vital for peace, aide says

PARIS, April 28 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani has repeated that peace in the Middle East is impossible without the establishment of a Palestinian homeland and the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Arabs to the position they were in before 1967.

The Paris-based "Al-Mustaqbal" magazine published Dr. Yamani's statement Saturday, in which he said that "as an Arab and Muslim citizen, and not as an information minister, I am looking forward to the day when a just peace will be achieved in the region."

It was necessary to find an enduring alternative to the peace treaty signed last month between Egypt and Israel, that gave the Palestinians back their homeland and restored to them all their rights.

He said that Arab information and press should be so guided as to become a constructive element in reinforcing Arab solidarity and unifying Arab ranks at all levels.

Seoul minister examines

In the evening Prince Miteb was due to give a dinner for him. He also toured construction sites around Riyadh.

In the Eastern Province Ko had visited Jubail and studied models and plans for the projected industrial city, as well as seeing Korean firms at work in virtually every town of the region.

Accompanied by the director-general of the overseas bureau of the Construction Ministry and his section chief, Ko's program includes being received by King Khaled and meeting Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jaziri, Municipal and Rural Affairs Minister Prince Majed, Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosabi Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer. He arrives in Jeddah Sunday and leaves for Amman on Monday. (TS)

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Tehran rejects Kabul's claims of interference

TEHRAN, April 28 (Agencies) — Iran has protested against statements by the Soviet-backed regime in neighboring Afghanistan, accusing it of interference in Iranian affairs.

A foreign ministry statement Friday followed a report by Kabul Radio quoting President Nur Muhammad Taraki as accusing Iran of having killed 2,700 Afghans.

Without referring specifically to this statement, the foreign ministry said it "strongly deplores the recent statements of President Taraki... and asks the Afghan authorities to avoid such actions and baseless accusations which may only harm the relations between the two countries."

The statement, responding to allegations that Iran has aided Afghan Muslim rebels, said the trouble in that country stems from popular resentment over "the Afghan government's measures against religious leaders."

The foreign ministry said it had challenged Kabul to prove its claims of Iranian interference but had received no reply. It said Iran "has not and will not interfere in the internal affairs of any country including Afghanistan."



MESSAGE: Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak (right), delivers a special message from President Anwar Sadat to Indonesian President Suharto at Merdeka Palace in Jakarta Saturday during a courtesy call. Mubarak arrived in Jakarta Friday for a four-day official visit. (AP photo)

Mubarak, Suharto discuss Mideast, bilateral links

JAKARTA, April 28 (AP) — President Suharto and visiting Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak held one-hour talks at the Merdeka (freedom) Palace Saturday.

Prior to the meeting, Mubarak handed a personal message from President Anwar Sadat to Suharto.

A palace source said the talks were probably focused on bilateral and international matters, including Middle East problems.

Earlier, the Egyptian ambassador to Indonesia, Ali Kashaba, said Mubarak's visit was aimed seeking Indonesian support for the peace treaty signed by Egypt and Israel.

The peace treaty has brought most Arab countries to boycott and condemn Egypt as a traitor to the Arab struggle against Israel.

Vice President Adam Malik said following his visit to Iraq and Turkey last week that Indonesia could not side with the hard-line countries to condemn Egypt.

He said Sadat has paved the way for the achievement of peace in the Middle East. However he said that what has been achieved so far was not a final solution but only a part of the concessions demanded by Arabs and the Palestinian movement against Israel.

Mubarak arrived here Friday for a three-day official visit at the invitation of Malik.

Malik said Indonesia appreciated every sincere effort to attain a peaceful Middle East peace as long as the efforts are consonant with the legitimate aspirations and demands of the Arab countries as a whole.

"We cannot but express our deep concern, therefore, at seeing Arab unity presently being seriously impaired and dominated by dissension among brother Arab nations," he said at a banquet for Mubarak Friday night.

In reply Mubarak said that friendly states which have genuine commitment to support the Palestinian struggle could demonstrate their commitment by taking a position in favor of the Palestinian people.

He was scheduled to receive Defense and Security Minister Gen. Mohammad Yusuf, Information Minister Lt.-Gen. Ali Murtopo and the minister of religious affairs later in the day.

Earlier he had a talk with Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja.

Ziaur Rahman concludes Holland, Belgium visits

DACCA, April 28 (AP) — President Ziaur Rahman returned to Dacca Saturday after a five-day state visit to the Netherlands and Belgium.

Rahman said his visit opened a "new vista" for Bangladesh's relations with countries of the European Economic Community (EEC) as he had talks with EEC executives in Brussels.

He said the EEC will provide Bangladesh 110,000 tons of food grains as a grant, while Belgium will provide 150 million francs as a food grant to meet Bangladesh's food shortage.

He termed his first visit to Western Europe as very "successful and significant."

Morocco raises salaries by 15-40 per cent

RABAT, April 28 (R) — The Moroccan government has announced wide-ranging pay increases after four months of strikes throughout the country for higher pay.

The decision was announced by Premier Maati Bouabid in a broadcast Friday night after talks with business and trade union leaders.

Civil service salaries and wages will go up between 15 and 40 per cent to allow for the increased cost of living. The government also decided to abolish increased water and electricity charges introduced at the end of last year.

UAE to hold census Dec. 16

ABU DHABI, April 28 (R) — The seven-state United Arab Emirates will hold a census on Dec. 16 next year, the official Emirates News Agency WAM said. It will cost \$2.2 million.

Maldives minister delays visit to UAE

ABU DHABI, April 28 (R) — A visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by the Maldives External Affairs Minister Fathulla Jameel has been postponed, the official Emirates News Agency WAM said Saturday.

Officials said the visit, scheduled for Sunday, was put off because of the UAE cabinet's resignation on Wednesday.

Mauritania launching peace bid on Sahara

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania, April 28 (Agencies) — Mauritania's new Prime Minister Lt. Col. Ahmad Ould Bousseif is launching a diplomatic offensive designed to bring a negotiated settlement, acceptable to all parties, to the Sahara conflict.

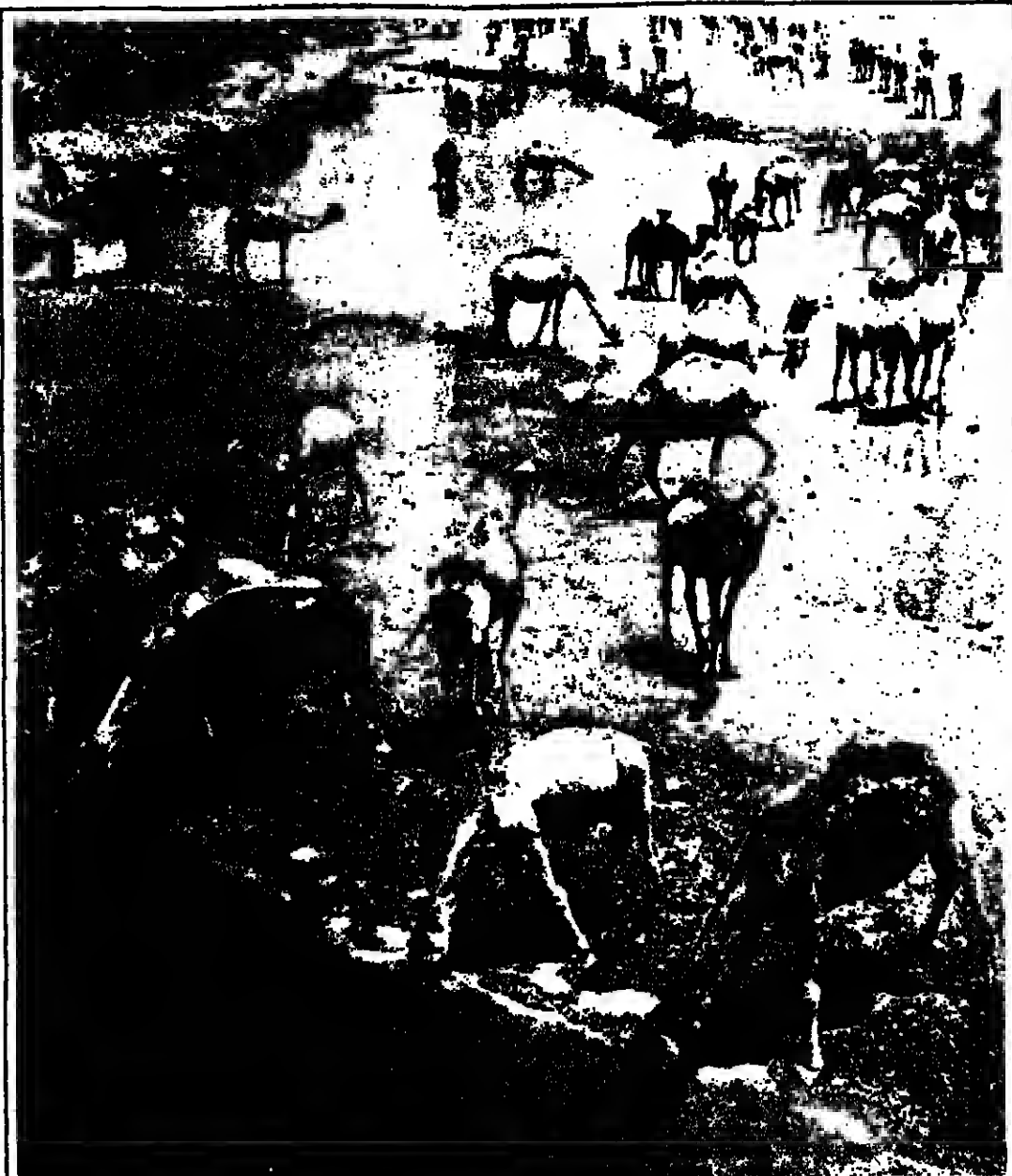
Bousseif himself is visiting his ally Morocco next week and then France May 3. A Mauritanian delegation is also scheduled to go to Algeria, the operating base for the Polisario Front guerrillas seeking independence for the former Spanish Sahara.

Meanwhile, it was reported Friday that a delegation of senior Mauritanian officials has left for Paris to discuss the Western Sahara question with representatives of the Polisario Front.

An informed source said a number of discreet contacts have been made by Mauritania in recent days with all the parties involved in the conflict over the territory, ceded to Morocco and the Mauritians by Spain in 1976.

Observers here say the government is still insistent on a "global settlement" of the Sahara dispute.

In a statement Thursday night, the government said it recognized the right of self-determination of the Saharan people.



WILD CAMELS: This spectacular shot of wild camels in the wastes of southwest Afghanistan, shows over 200 of them. "In fact," says Krishan Dutt who took this picture, "there were not less than 300 camels roaming the empty wilderness that hot afternoon in search of water."

Arab planned to bomb Israeli ship, police say

MUNICH, April 28 (AP) — An Arab arrested with illegal explosives on the Austrian-West German border told authorities he was planning to bomb an Israeli ship in Hamburg Harbor, police source said Saturday.

But a second Arab arrested in the attempted smuggling of 56 kilos (123 pounds) of explosives into West Germany has denied direct involvement in the alleged ship bombing plot, the sources said.

The Bavarian criminal office said the accused have tentatively been identified as Muhammad Hamadee and Halim Semann, both 33-year-old Lebanese.

The pair were placed under formal arrest Friday in Munich a

day after they were seized by Bavarian border guards who discovered the explosives, bomb fuses and nine passports in a search of their rented car at the Fasan checkpoint.

Informal sources said the pair are under investigation for possible links to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

They are also suspects in the explosives attack on a Jewish prayer house in Vienna last Sunday night, police said.

Police sources said the man tentatively identified as Hamadee told investigators he received orders to blow up an Israeli ship in Hamburg.

There were no details available

on the ship to be bombed or when the attack was planned.

Semann, who described himself as a salesman, claimed he had nothing to do with the plot and

was only driving Hamadee in the car as a favor, the sources said.

The explosives, fuses and clock-timing devices were found hidden in the car.

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Neutral states urge U.N. to maintain Rhodesia ban

UNITED NATIONS, April 28 (Agencies) — Nonaligned states in the Security Council Friday night sought to ensure that the U.N. economic embargo against Rhodesia is not lifted following last week's election of the country's first black majority government.

A resolution that would have the 15-nation council reaffirm that the elections and their results were null and void was drafted by Bangladesh, Bolivia, Gabon, Jamaica, Kuwait, Nigeria and Zambia.

It was expected to be introduced at the next council meeting, scheduled for Monday.

Earlier the Security Council met to discuss the elections at the

urgent request of African member states.

The move surprised some observers, coming so soon after the emergence of Bishop Abel Muzorewa as Rhodesia's first black minister-elect.

U.N. sources said black African states were concerned about mounting pressure in Britain and the United States to call off the 13-year-old economic blockade of the breakaway British colony.

Diplomatic sources said Britain, still the legal administering power, had not decided whether to veto the nonaligned resolution. They said an abstention appeared likely.

London was certain to make no commitment which would tie the

hands of the new government to be formed after next Thursday's British elections.

Britain and the other Western powers abstained on a similar resolution adopted by the council last month.

The Third World resolution, confirming the council's March decision and saying the "sham elections" were "designed to perpetuate white minority rule," would have the council say it:

— "Strongly condemns all attempts and maneuvers by the illegal racist regime, including the so-called elections of April 1979 aimed at retaining and extending a racist minority rule and at preventing... independence and genuine majority rule."

— "Reaffirms the so-called elections, held under the auspices of the illegal racist regime, and the results thereof, as null and void."

— "Reiterates its call to all states not to accord recognition to any representative or organ established by that process and to strictly observe the mandatory sanctions" against Rhodesia.

"The illegal racist regime" is a common U.N. term for the government of Ian Smith, who as a white-minority prime minister unilaterally declared Rhodesia independent of Britain in 1965 to escape British pressure for majority rule.

Francois Sangare of the Ivory Coast, who on Thursday had asked for the council meeting as current chairman of the African Group, opened the debate Friday by urging the council to declare the Rhodesian election invalid.

Ambassador Biyagamage Fernando of Sri Lanka, speaking on behalf of the Nonaligned Coordinating Bureau, reiterated coalition support for the Patriotic Front of Rhodesian black guerrillas that is fighting from neighboring Zambia and Angola to take over the country.

Kenyan Ambassador Charles Maina said the council should "reject the fraud" and "urge the dishonest bishop and Mr. Smith to return to the negotiating process in order to arrive at a solution that will win worldwide support."

Amin aide extradited to Uganda

NAIROBI, April 28 (AP) — "Major" Bob Astles, British-born aide to ousted Ugandan President Idi Amin, was flown back to Uganda from custody in Kenya Saturday to face trial for his role in Amin's eight-year regime.

Witnesses who are personally acquainted with Astles said they saw him taken off a Uganda Airlines plane at Entebbe Airport in Uganda.

Informed sources in Nairobi said Kenya authorities extradited Astles following a request Thursday by Ugandan Justice Minister Dan Nabudere.

Astles was believed to have fled to Kenya this month during the last days of Amin's resistance to the Tanzanian and Ugandan-exile forces who installed President Yusef Lule two weeks ago.

Nabudere did not tell reporters in Kampala, the Ugandan capital, what charges Astles would face. But Ugandan government sources said privately he could be charged with murder and financial crimes.

Astles, about 55, was reluctant to talk about his past. Born in Ashford in the English county of Kent, he was believed to have settled in Uganda 15 to 20 years ago after British military service that earned him the nickname, "Major Bob."

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VICTORY: Supporters of Bishop Abel Muzorewa, waving UANC party flag and sporting vote buttons, jubilantly dance through the streets of Salisbury Tuesday, as results showed that their party had won. Muzorewa became the first black prime minister of Rhodesia. Saturday the Non-aligned group of nations called on the United Nations to continue economic sanctions on Rhodesia. (AP photo)

Hanoi calls it 'arrogant'

Chinese peace plan spurned

BANGKOK, April 28 (Agencies) — Vietnam Saturday rejected China's proposals for restoring normal relations between the two communist neighbors, describing them as arrogant demands that no nation with self-respect could accept.

Radio Hanoi called the Chinese proposals, presented at peace talks in Hanoi this week, a demand that Vietnam renounce her policy of independence and sovereignty.

The broadcast indicated that Hanoi would refuse to withdraw its troops from neighboring Laos and Cambodia, would stick by its claims to disputed islands in the South China Sea and would not

discuss with Peking Vietnam's friendship treaty with the Soviet Union.

"The arrogant attitude of the Chinese side in the negotiations proves they do not want to settle the dispute by peaceful means."

"What China wants to do is to go on with its hostile policy and use the negotiations to gain what more than 500,000 Chinese troops failed to do — that is, to force Vietnam to act at China's back and call," the official radio said in a commentary.

On Friday China, defecating its peace proposals to Vietnam, had accused the Vietnamese of seeking to dominate Southeast Asia in collaboration with the Soviet Union.

The attack appeared in Peking's official "People's Daily" newspaper.

The paper said China's eight-point proposal would provide "an agreement on fundamental principles," while the already rejected Vietnamese suggestions evade the major issues.

Vietnam has not responded to the Chinese proposals made Thursday at the second session of their negotiations in Hanoi.

The Communist Party paper said, "Since the end of the war against U.S. aggression, the Vietnamese authorities have claimed their country to be the world's third military power and wanted to lord it over in Southeast Asia."

Waldheim reportedly assured of Hanoi's goodwill in S.E. Asia

HANOI, April 28 (R) — Vietnam has assured United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim that its involvement in the overthrow of the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia was "a special case," and that it has no designs against other Southeast Asian nations, diplomatic sources say.

During his talks with Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Do and Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Tri in Hanoi Friday, Waldheim raised the concern of members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) over Vietnam's intentions towards her neighbors, the sources said Friday night.

He was assured there were no grounds for ASEAN alarm, they said.

Vietnam had acted over Cambodia, where it is reported to have led the military overthrow of the pro-Chinese Pol Pot government, because of the historic relationship between the two countries and because it had been harassed and attacked by Pol Pot forces, the sources said.

Gandhi silent on charge of rapping U.S. diplomat

NEW DELHI, April 28 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has refused comment on a claim by U.S. Senator Daniel Moynihan that he once saved the job of an American diplomat accused by her government of being a CIA agent by threatening to quit if the man was expelled from India.

"Mrs. Gandhi has nothing to

secretary-general was told.

The sources said that during his talks here Waldheim had gained the impression that Vietnam would cooperate with the U.N. High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in organizing the orderly departure of those wishing to leave the country in future, so as not to place an undue burden on other countries in the region.

Waldheim brought to Vietnam the concern of the governments of ASEAN — Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — all of whom have had to deal with the flood of people leaving Vietnam with more than 10,000 reaching Southeast Asian countries during the first two weeks of this month alone.

The sources did not say whether the Vietnamese had had any specific suggestions over the refugee problem. But Dong told a news conference Friday that his government would do its best to solve the problem so as not to cause more trouble to its neighbors.

say at present about these charges," an aide said Thursday. Moynihan (D-N.Y.) was U.S. ambassador to New Delhi in 1972-75 and has stated in a recent book, "A Dangerous Place," that the U.S. government was approached on two occasions by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party for financial aid in helping to defeat communist candidates in provincial elections.



BROAD SMILE: American singer Harry Belafonte took part in a recent Muppet Show series. Here he is seen wearing a broad smile and flanked by Miss Piggy, who appeared with him on the stage.

Danish firm vows equality for employees in S. Africa

COPENHAGEN, April 28 (AP) — The East Asiatic Co., Denmark's largest shipping, trading and manufacturing group, hopes to have fully implemented equal pay for equal work for its 2,600 employees in South Africa within the next 5-7 years.

But a report to the economic-political department of the foreign ministry held out little hope for any early or major change in the existing racial employment pattern with whites dominating in the monthly-paid white collar positions.

The company stated categorically that the pay for any given job is the same regardless of race. It realized, however, that with virtually all black workers falling into the weekly- and lower-paid category there is still a gap to be closed.

But it stressed its endeavors to close that gap — ultimately offering the same pay for the same work regardless of weekly or monthly payment — by 1984-86.

The East Asiatic, which employs more than 32,000 globally and last year posted a global \$3.5 billion turnover, submitted its report on its employment practices in South Africa in compliance with the European Community Market code of conduct for foreign enterprises in the apartheid state.

The company, which came under heavy fire here five years ago for its South African operations, emphasized its belief that South Africa "needs, above all, jobs for its population."

For this reason the company's South African enterprises — of which the largest are the Natal Oil and Soap Industries of Durban and the New Scotland Forest Products in Transvaal — are also

renouncing on mechanization although a shift to less labor-intensive production would be "relatively easy."

"Until such time when alternative work opportunities are available we cannot in all conscientiousness be responsible for causing large-scale unemployment through mechanization," the report said.

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the plane was not equipped with adequate guidance instruments and that its equipment had been disrupted by the magnetic field of the North Pole.

"On several previous occasions, planes entered Soviet air space, provoking a severe reaction which was predictable as the region was considered strategically important" the judgement said.

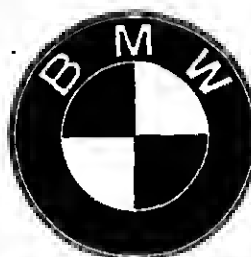
The South Korean airliner carrying 110 people, was on a flight from Paris to Seoul when it was intercepted by the Soviet planes, which fired on it. Two people on the airliner were killed.

"Any company concerned with its passengers' safety should have equipped its Boeings with special instruments to prevent these deviations," the court said.

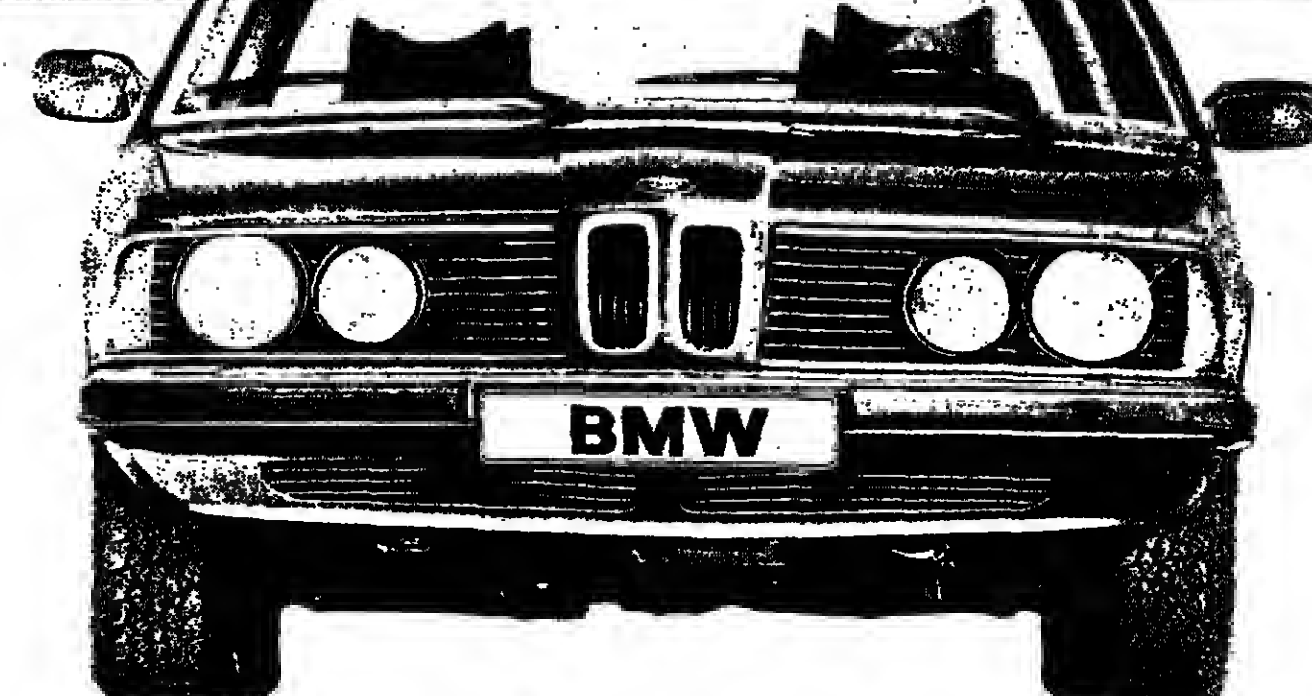
Passenger Gabriel Entope, a Frenchman from Martinique, was awarded the damages, which may be increased after he has undergone a thorough medical examination.

The court declared Korean Airlines totally responsible for Entope's injuries.

The airline has a month in which to lodge an appeal.



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Alexander Ginzburg included in exchange

Soviets free 5 dissidents for 2 spies in U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP) — Five political and religious dissidents flew from the Soviet Union to the United States Friday in exchange for two Soviet spies, the White House announced.

One official said the arrangement, under which Alexander Ginzburg, one of the best-known Soviet dissidents, was released, was the largest U.S.-Soviet exchange since 1965.

It was the first involving Soviet citizens held by the United States. Soviet citizens held in Russia.

The five including Mark Dymshits, Edward Kuznetsov, Valentin Moroz, and Georgi Vins, arrived at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York, and were met by White House, State Department and Justice Department

officials. They were rushed to an undisclosed location. Their families were to join them shortly, according to Jody Powell, the White House press secretary.

A White House aide said negotiations began last autumn and were conducted by Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin and presidential advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski.

The Soviet spies, convicted in U.S. District Court in October and sentenced in November to prison terms of 50 years each, were placed aboard the same Aeroflot jetliner that had carried the dissidents to New York for the return flight to Moscow.

The two, Valdik, Enger and Rudolf Chernyayev, had been convicted of attempting to buy secret U.S. anti-submarine war-

fare plans from a U.S. naval officer trained in counter-espionage.

A Moscow welcoming party for the two Russians including women carrying flowers was waiting when the plane pulled up close to the steps leading up to the airport VIP lounge.

When Enger and Chernyayev, both 43, came down the ramp from the aircraft the group moved forward and four of the women hugged and kissed them.

Ginzburg was arrested on Feb. 4, 1977, and charged with anti-Soviet activities and currency violations.

Dymshits and Kuznetsov were serving 15-year jail terms for plotting to hijack an airliner. Moroz has been held in jail on various charges since 1965. Vins was serv-

ing a total of 10 years' hard labor and exile.

Dymshits and Kuznetsov were among five Soviet Jews recently released after nearly nine years in jail for the hijack attempt June 17, 1970 in Leningrad.

An American spokesman in Moscow said the U.S. embassy was advising families of the released dissidents that they were free to join their relatives in the west.

The spokesman could not give details on exactly which members of the families of the five would be granted exit permits by Soviet authorities.

But he said the embassy was telling the relatives that it would be monitoring their progress in obtaining the necessary documentation.

Only the family of Ginzburg lives in Moscow.

Mrs. Raissa Moroz, wife of Ukrainian history teacher Valentin Moroz, lives in the town of Ivano-Frankovsk in the Ukraine.

The family of Georgi Vins lives in Kiev.

Nothing is known about the family of Dymshits. Kuznetsov has an aged mother in a Moscow old people's home, dissident sources said.

Mrs. Ginzburg, 41, said she had heard no word of the exchange from either Soviet or U.S. officials but learned of it when turned on the Voice of America when she went to bed at midnight.

"I never listen at this hour, but for some reason I turned it on," she said. "They broke into their Russian service to announce it."

Her two sons, Sasha, 6, and Alyosha, 3, were still asleep as she met with Western correspondents in her small apartment.

"Alek always said he did not want to leave here for the United States," she said. "I shall be following him but I have two small children and a lot of things to sort out and I will not let myself be used."

Mrs. Ginzburg took over last year the administration of a fund to aid imprisoned dissidents, which her husband had run until his arrest. The fund is financed by exiled author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, a friend of the Ginzburgs.

Mrs. Ginzburg said her work had made her especially aware of the hardships of prisoners' families.

"When I think that all those women and children remain in the same situations while we have become the lucky ones simply because of political circumstances, it is very hard indeed," she said.

Mrs. Ginzburg said she had just been worrying in recent days whether to tell her children their father is in a labor camp. Now, she said, she can tell them he has gone to America.

"They know nothing yet," she said. "At the moment they think their father is away in a hospital. We were discussing, only yesterday whether it might be time I told them the truth, because the older one may be starting to guess."

"They want to see their father so much, they don't mind where it is, in America or wherever."

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BUDDLED: With blood dripping down her face, a young woman comforts a girl as the two crouch low when a shoot-out in San Antonio, Texas interrupted the city's Battle of Flowers Parade.

Texas sniper fires on parade, leaving two dead, 44 wounded

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 28 (AP) — A rifleman firing from a mobile home into a huge crowd at a downtown parade Friday killed two women and wounded at least 44 other people, police said.

The sniper was found dead in the trailer after a half-hour exchange of gunfire with police.

The sniper was identified as Ira Attebury, 65, by Police Inspector Marion Talbert, who said Attebury had an arsenal of weapons and "enough ammunition to start a war."

"It is obvious he came to the parade with the plan designed to do what he did," said Police Chief Emil Peters.

Peters said 4,000 to 5,000 people were within range of the gunman when the firing began about 1 p.m.

One witness, Judy Gutierrez, told police she heard the man at one point yell, "Traitors! Traitors! Traitors!" before shoot-

ing and wounding a police officer.

The wounded — six policemen and 38 civilians — were taken to five city hospitals. Authorities said most of the wounds were superficial.

Tom Mueller, an exchange student from Dusseldorf who was on a parade float with eight other teen-agers when a policeman

standing "not three yards away" was shot in the leg.

"We all laid down. At first there was no panic. I heard the bullets whistling over my head," said Mueller, 18. "It was just horrible. You can't just imagine what it was like. Oh, my god, it was horrible."

Head of N.Y. 'family'

Mafia boss surrenders

WASHINGTON, April 28 (R) — Mafia leader Joseph "Joe Bonanno" Bonanno once head of one of New York's five Cosa Nostra families, surrendered to federal agents Friday in Tucson, Arizona, the government announced.

Bonanno and his former emp-

loyee Jack di Filippi arrested in California Friday morning, are accused by a special federal grand jury in California of laundering organized crime money through legitimate businesses.

Both men, released on bail, could be given up to five years imprisonment and \$100,000 fines.

For safety improvements

Light nuclear reactors shut down in U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP) — The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has ordered nuclear power plants shut down until they make safety improvements needed to prevent repetition of the Three Mile Island accident.

The agency also said Friday it will continue to study these plants and might require additional safety changes later.

All eight plants plus the heavily damaged Three Mile Island Unit 2 in Pennsylvania were designed by Westinghouse and Wilcox Co. using designs which, NRC officials said, made the facilities sensitive to functions and hard to control.

With the crippling of Three Mile Island Unit 2 and the closing of its eight sister plants, there are 14 plants shut down under safety orders, or one out of every 10 nuclear power plants in the United States.

Five other plants have been shut down since March 13 for inspections to make sure they can withstand earthquakes without serious damage to their cooling systems. The plants affected by Friday's order are in California, South Carolina, Arkansas, Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania plant, Three Mile Island Unit 1, shares the site of the damaged Unit 2 near Middletown, Pennsylvania.

Harold Denton, NRC director of Reactor Regulation, estimated that the safety improvements would take about one month to complete. William Lee, president of Duke Power Co., operator of the South Carolina plants, said improvements there would be completed sooner.

Denton, who took command of safety operations at Three Mile Island after the March 28 accident, said Wednesday the remaining B and W reactors should be shut down because "We do not have reasonable assurance that these B and W plants can continue to operate without undue risk."

Stricken atom plant poses no new threat

HARRISBURG, April 28 (AP) — The Three Mile Island nuclear reactor is in what U.S. officials described as the equivalent of cold shutdown — even though the reactor core temperature remains above 212 degrees.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials said a switch was flicked Friday to turn off a 9,000-horsepower motor that for the past month had forced cooling water through the reactor's disabled core.

A natural circulation of water is expected to keep the core at a temperature low enough for repairs to continue.

"They turned off the pump at 2:08 p.m. and the reactor is now on natural circulation. The control room said everything is going smoothly," said NRC spokesman Karl Abraham.

During the maneuver, there was "a puff" or sudden increase of radioactive xenon gas within the turbine building, but checks showed the levels were low, said Victor Stello, NRC operations chief.

The xenon release was followed by a slight increase in radiation levels measured from a helicopter directly above the plant, Stello said. The level jumped from a normal background level of .02 millirem per hour to a level of .04 millirem per hour.

A dental x-ray exposes a

patient to 20 millirems and officials consider 100 millirems a year a normal background exposure. However, there was no measurable release of radioactive iodine — a possibility which officials have feared.

The release apparently came from a leak in one of the water loops leading to a steam generator.

"There was no substantial change. Respirators were provided to people in the control room. I put one on. It got too hot and I took it off," said Stello, who supervised the operation.

The move had been scheduled for next Wednesday. It came sooner than expected because of the failure earlier Friday of an instrument that is supposed to show the level of water inside the reactor's pressurizer, which keeps water from boiling in the core.

The malfunction of a similar instrument at the plant near here on March 28 was one of several factors that led to the worst nuclear power plant accident in U.S. history.

Stello said he avoids using the term "cold shutdown" because he doesn't want to give the impression that the core is completely cold. He said the core temperature is still above the boiling point of unpressurized water.

Cold shutdown is the point at which the reactor no longer poses any risk of going out of control.

of their earthquake safety.

The Union of Concerned Scientists, a citizens group long critical of the NRC, said Friday the shutdown orders to the B and W plants showed the commission "has begun to climb out of bed with the utilities." But the group said the improvements ordered by the NRC were "superficial and cosmetic."

It said the plants should be shut down until the Three Mile Island accident is fully understood and all necessary changes are made to prevent it from happening again.

Blackouts, brownouts and restrictions on usage of electricity could result from the temporary shutdown of the eight nuclear reactors. An increased cost of electricity was also forecast by some of the affected utility companies.

Duke Power Co. officials had said that shutting down all three Oconee reactors certainly would mean planned blackouts in North Carolina and South Carolina. The plants supply about 15 percent of North Carolina's electrical power and 25 percent of South Carolina's.

Modifications will be staggered over the next three weeks, however, making the possibility of blackouts "no longer a real concern," a spokesman of the Arkansas Power and Light Co. said that the utility hoped to make necessary changes, already under way, by May 25 but that the need for NRC approval could postpone normal operations.

Trinidad hangs murderer after six-year appeal

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, April 28 (R) — A former British Army paratrooper was hanged here Friday for the 1972 murder of British socialite Gale Ann Benson.

He was Trinidadian Stanley Abbott, 42 who had conducted a campaign lasting almost six years in the appeal court here and with the British Privy Council to have his death sentence commuted.

Abbott was hanged less than 24 hours after Trinidad's committee for the Privy Council of Mercy had turned down his final appeal.

Damian of a former British Conservative parliamentarian, Mrs Benson was killed at the Trinidad home of black power leader Michael Abdn Malik, also known as Malcolm X.

Three weeks ago the Privy Council in London rejected Abbott's plea that the death sentence should be revoked because of "undue and inhuman" delay in executing him.

Malik, Abbott and Edward Chadee were charged with the murder of Mrs Benson who was alleged by the prosecution to have been stabbed and buried alive in the garden at Malik's house.

Abbott and Chadee were both sentenced to death in July 1973, but Chadee's sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment after thousands of people petitioned the mercy committee.

Malik did not go on trial in the Benson case, but was convicted and hanged for the murder of Port of Spain barber Joe Skerrett whose body was found buried in the backyard of his home at Arima, about 15 miles east of Port of Spain.

White, a former policeman, is accused of killing Moscone and Milk last Nov. 27 after learning the mayor did not plan to reappoint him to a seat on the city Board of Supervisors. White resigned from the board Nov. 10.

Moscone was shot four times and Milk who was a leader of a counter-culture community, was shot five times. White surrendered to police shortly after the murders.



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Killing of San Francisco mayor

Jurors chosen for trial of Dan White

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28 (AP) — A jury of seven women and five men was selected Friday for the trial of Dan White, charged with the City Hall slayings of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk.

Four alternates must be chosen in the case resumes Monday in Judge Walter Cuccinno in superior court. The 12th juror was selected during the third day of jury

selection. The questions asked potential jurors touched on such issues as the death penalty.

Calcagno told jurors they would be sequestered in a hotel during the trial, which he estimated would last at least 20 days.

White, 32, is charged with first-degree murder under special circumstances. The special circumstance provisions of a new state law provide for death in the gas

chamber in cases when more than one death is involved or when a public official has been assassinated.

The trial will be in three parts, with the jury first deciding if White is guilty or innocent. If the jury finds him guilty, it must then determine if the crime involved special circumstances. The jury would then determine the sentence.

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Arms race in the Indian subcontinent

By Tyler Marshall

NEW DELHI—

The Indian subcontinent, once relatively free of conflict and superpower maneuvering, has suddenly found itself surrounded by turmoil, and the resulting tensions seem certain to accelerate military spending by the area's two principal countries, India and Pakistan.

South Asia has been touched by revolution in Iran, uncertainty in Pakistan and instability in Afghanistan. The region's biggest country, India, has been unnerved by China's punitive strike at Vietnam and by a growing awareness in the past few months of what appears to be an all-out effort by Pakistan to develop a nuclear bomb.

The recent appearance of U.S. and Soviet aircraft carriers in the Indian Ocean has injected still another element of uncertainty into the area.

All this has developed as India and Pakistan have embarked on long-planned weapons procurement programs to replace outdated, deteriorating hardware. Indications are growing that recent events could reshape both the pace and size of these programs.

Citing events in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and the Indian Ocean, Indian Defense Minister Jagjivan Ram recently told his country's parliament, "in our defense preparedness, all these developments have to be taken into consideration."

A senior Indian Defense Ministry official said that "some increases are bound to take place" in programs to refurbish the army, navy and air force. He refused to elaborate.

"The hawks (in the Indian government) are gaining strength from virtually every major event in recent months," said K.N. Ramachandran, a research associate at the Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses in New Delhi.

India hopes to begin taking delivery in midsummer of the first of an estimated 160 British Jaguar deep-strike aircraft that can be armed with a wide range of missiles, bombs and other weapons.

The Jaguars, which will replace India's Korean war era Canberra and Hunter strike craft, will cost an estimated \$1.9 billion over the next six to seven years. Their acquisition is typical of the government's strategy — to increase efficiency and firepower without adding manpower.

The air force is also evaluating Soviet, Canadian, Italian and British medium-range transports to replace its Fairchild C-119s and Douglas DC-3s, many of which have been in service since India became independent in 1947.

With its great distances and remote borders — some of them disputed by China — India looks on the rejuvenation of its air transport arm as a prime strategic goal.

To re-equip the army and expand the role of the small navy involves billions of dollars.

The army is looking at Soviet, British and West German tanks with an eye to replacing its aging Vijayanta model by the mid-1980s.

"Considering moves in China and Pakistan, we must look for a new-generation tank," a defense ministry official said.

While the Indian government will not say how many tanks might be involved, military observers estimate that the cost could exceed \$1 billion.

"They will be needing between 2,000 and 3,000 tanks over the next 15 to 20 years," an independent analyst said.

India has purchased some Soviet T-55 tanks to meet its immediate requirements.

To protect its new offshore oil fields and other possible undersea resources, India plans to expand the role of its navy from little more than a glorified coast guard to a full-scale blue-water navy.

India's single aircraft carrier will be refitted and its 1950s-generation British-built jet fighters will be supplemented with a squadron of Britain's latest, the Harrier jump jets that can take off and land vertically.

The country's submarine fleet will be upgraded by replacing its eight Soviet Foxtrot models with an estimated 20 Western-designed anti-submarine submarines.

In virtually all of its major purchases, India hopes to negotiate licensing agreements with suppliers that will permit a gradual shift to domestic production of the equipment.

Of all the events in recent months exerting pressure for increased Indian defense spending, none has had greater impact than the Chinese incursion into Vietnam. The greater respect bitter memories of 1962, when China crushed the Indian army after a long-simmering border dispute.

Already troubled by Pakistan's instability in the wake of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's execution, Indian leaders have been shocked by reports of Pakistan's progress toward development of a nuclear bomb. Public fears have also been whipped up by newspaper editorials on the bomb.

Still, few independent observers fear an immediate nuclear arms race to the subcontinent. Pakistan is by most estimates some time away from developing a nuclear bomb, and India's Prime Minister Morarji Desai has firmly rejected any escalation of India's nuclear program.

Nonetheless, the disclosure of Pakistan's progress in the nuclear field has injected a new factor into the military balance between the two countries.

"It is bound to spill over the balance of conventional weapons," one analyst said.

It also raises Pakistan's stock throughout an Islamic world painfully aware of its lag in nuclear technology.

Many observers feel that Pakistan will offer to share its progress in the nuclear field — together with its overall position as one of the Muslim world's most technologically advanced nations — with its wealthy Islamic allies in return for money to buy the weapons it wants from the West.

Pakistan's military shopping list is more modest than India's, yet it is substantial for a country with a per-capita income of about \$135 a year.

In recent years, China has provided much of Pakistan's military underpinning, but Pakistan is currently looking for more sophisticated weapons, available only in the West, in order to keep up with India.

Pakistan has already signed an agreement with France, worth an estimated \$360 million, for 32 Mirage-5 fighters over a 36-month period beginning in early 1981. The French will replace Pakistan's 36 F-86 Sabre Jets. The U.S. Air Force used the F-86 in the Korean war.

The United States has revived the possibility of supplying Pakistan with about 50 F-5E jet fighters — in addition to helping with its nuclear development program — in return for Pakistan's acceptance of international nuclear safeguards. — (LAT)



Palestinian power: Another approach

By Michael Adams

British television viewers have recently had the chance to see a remarkable three-part documentary on the life of Martin Luther King, the champion of the American blacks in their fight to achieve social and political equality in the United States. It was a moving story, which was dramatized but not sentimentalized in this most effective production, and it makes the viewer wonder whether there were not some lessons to be drawn from it which might be relevant for the Palestinians in their not dissimilar struggle to assert their rights.

Of course there are great differences between the situation of the American blacks in the 1960s and that of the Palestinians today. The most obvious difference (a part from those of cultural and historical background) is that the American blacks were fighting against the prejudice and illiberalism of a section of their own compatriots, within the framework of a country and a society of which their membership was not challenged, whereas the Palestinians have to face an enemy which denies even their right to independent citizenship in their own homeland. But in a wider sense, it seems that the similarities are more important than the differences; certainly they are striking enough to make it worth while comparing the two, in order to see whether the methods which brought success to one might not prove equally effective for the other.

In 1954, in a crucial decision, the American Supreme Court ruled that segregation of white and black children in American public schools was unconstitutional and must be stopped. The decision stirred the national conscience and set in train a great process of equalization between the two communities. With the principle of equality recognized by the highest legal authority in the land, it seemed only a matter of time before the blacks would be free to enjoy equal rights in every other field as well. But the blacks soon found that this did not follow, that on the contrary a defeat for the principle of discrimination only provoked its champions into more determined and even desperate action to maintain it wherever they could. It was a great victory to get the principle of black equality established; but the blacks still found themselves cheated of the fruits of that victory, in the shape of practical results.

The Palestinians were to have a very similar experience 20 years later. In 1974, after the PLO had been accepted by the Arab governments as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and when its chairman, Yasser Arafat was invited to address the General Assembly of the United Nations, it seemed as though the battle was as good as won. The principle of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians had been established; now it remained only to put the principle into practice. But there the Palestinians found their way blocked, as the blacks in the United States had done, by the forces of prejudice and reaction — and these forces became more energetic and determined as they saw their position threatened. Just as the white racists in the U.S. had resorted to every sort of stratagem to preserve their privileged position, so the Israelis intensified their activities in the occupied territories, confiscating more land and establishing more Jewish settlements, as though challenging the Palestinians to try to recover by force what the processes of international law had proved powerless to preserve for them.

For the Palestinians, as for the American blacks before them, the pressure to try to complete their victory by violence was almost overwhelming. In principle, world opinion as a whole supported the Palestinians, just as American opinion as a whole had supported the blacks. But in practice, the support of public opinion was not enough to win them the exercise of their legitimate rights. What were they to do?

That is where the example of Martin Luther King is of interest. He was elected as the leader of the black liberation movement when the impatience and frustration of the black community were at their highest. He had only to give the word and he could have unleashed a tremendous wave of resentful violence, which would certainly have done a great deal of harm to the white community in the U.S. —

though whether it would have advanced the cause of the blacks is by no means certain. But King chose instead a course which aroused much controversy within the black movement, the course of non-violence. This was not in any way to be confused with a passive policy of inaction. On the contrary, he urged and begged and finally persuaded his colleagues in the movement to be active in opposing the tactics of the white racists — but to do so by every means short of violence; and he trained them to endure all the harsh consequences that were likely to follow, in the shape of persecution and mob violence.

Above all, he set the example himself by insisting always in going in person wherever the dangers were greatest, by leading demonstrations in those cities of the American South which were the surviving strongholds of discrimination, by organizing strikes and facing hostile mobs and risking arrest and imprisonment at the hands of corrupt local administrations and police forces. The strikes crippled the stores and restaurants and bus companies which practised discrimination against black customers, and so many demonstrators were arrested that the authorities had nowhere to put the prisoners; and the fact that it was the authorities and not the strikers or the demonstrators who resorted to violence gave King and his black colleagues an incontestable moral advantage, which in the end helped to bring them victory.

There were three main elements in their success. First, the clear and unequivocal nature of the objective they set themselves: equal rights and an end to all forms of discrimination. Second, the quality of their leadership: King established a clear moral ascendancy within the movement and refused to admit any compromise with the principle of non-violence. Third, the willingness of his followers to make every necessary sacrifice, both personal and material, to achieve their goal. The sacrifices were heavy — heaviest of all, of course, for Martin Luther King, who eventually paid with his own life — but it was those sacrifices, and the willingness of thousands of individuals to risk hardship and unemployment as well as various forms of ill-treatment, that ultimately won for the movement the grudging respect even of its opponents and gave it victory.

Is there a message here for the Palestinians? Or are their conditions and problems too different from those of the people whom Martin Luther King, with his policy of non-violence, led to victory over white racists in America? There is one weapon which the blacks used to good effect and which is also available to the Palestinians: the weapon of the general strike. It was the general strike in Iran last December which — especially when it was extended to the oilfields — finally brought down the government of the Shah. Yet every day 70,000 workers from the occupied territories go to work in Israel, where the building trade in particular is now largely dependent on Palestinian labor. (It is especially bewildering to the outsider that most of the Israeli settlements on the West Bank, and all the housing developments in East Jerusalem, have been built by Palestinians.) If those 70,000 Palestinian workers went on strike, and if every Palestinian refused to buy Israeli goods or to work in Israeli factories or offices or private houses, or to cooperate in any way with the occupation regime, some sacrifices and even hardship would be involved for the Palestinians themselves — but they would add greatly to Israel's already severe economic difficulties and bring home to every Israeli the strength of their determination to recover their rights and their independence. And they would achieve this without breaking the law or incurring the odium of using violence to achieve their ends.

Could such a strike be successfully organized? There is hardly any reason not to. It would require thorough planning and coordination and the collection of funds to provide assistance (and perhaps alternative employment) for those Palestinians who withdrew their labor from Israeli employers. Properly organized, such an initiative would have a very positive effect on Israeli opinion. And it would show the outside world that the Palestinians have the leadership and the organization and the will to make sacrifices without which no liberation movement will easily succeed.

HELPING LEBANON

Speaker of Lebanon's parliament, Mr. Kamel Asaad, has told the U.N. peace force in southern Lebanon to fight or go home — although he put it in slightly more diplomatic terms. Mr. Asaad wants the force to take over rightist positions in southern Lebanon to help the government reassert its long lost control over that strategic and vital part of the country.

Regaining such control is a commendable aim, but it is the duty of the Lebanese government — not of the U.N. force — to spearhead any effort towards regaining its authority. Mr. Asaad's demands are, unfortunately, consistent with the attitude the Lebanese government has taken since the outbreak of the civil war in 1975, where Lebanon's friends are expected to fight its battles for it. The Lebanese government, and any Lebanese who subscribes to the official line, have had several rude awakenings that would lead us to expect, and maybe hope for a real change in that concept. But it is not so.

Why should a Norwegian, a Frenchman, an Irishman, or anyone else for that matter, put his life on the line to do what the Lebanese army does not, or is not allowed to do. Lebanon now boasts an army of 18,000 men which slightly exceeds the pre-civil war level, but we hope that the reconstructed army will be put to more useful tasks than military parades. The Syrian president has rightly pointed out that the Lebanese army, as a fighting force, is capable of extending the state's authority to the southern region. Granted, the operation would not likely be a picnic, and there is a real risk of a direct clash with the Israelis, but that is a chance that must be taken if Lebanon is to stand on its own feet again. The militias and the score of armed gangs roaming the south, while potent, are not formidable except in the minds of the weak. And Israel will find it almost an impossible task justifying any action it might take against a national army enforcing law and order on its own territory.

But only then, when the Lebanese government decides to fight its battle, can Mr. Asaad expect the U.N. force to help out.

Friends of Lebanon are alarmed at the attitude of resignation taken by the country's leadership. These friends have offered to help and will honor their commitments, but that can only be when the country takes the first effective and tangible steps to pull itself out of its predicament, and when its leaders show courage and willingness to make the sacrifice required for the task.

"Prince Sultan's declaration that the draft would be introduced this year is a clear indication of the dangers posed to the Arab world by the Zionist invasion of their land," according to "Al-Nadwa".

"The fact is that the Zionist threat does not relate to any one particular Arab country but to the whole region with its land, resources values and principles. This was made clear by a speech made by PLO chief Yasser Arafat in Baghdad recently. In a closed session of the Arab Foreign Ministers meeting Arafat revealed the true dimensions of the Zionist threat which is being taught by the Israeli Chief of Staffs College codenamed Irbid Budge. According to this plan, Israeli troops would march from Irbid and then diverge in two columns with one heading for Kuwait and the other for Saudi Arabia.

"Saudi Arabia is aware of the plan and is taking every possible precaution to resist it. The enemy

realizes the meaning of Saudi confrontation and this country's considerable weight and influence which have cut down Israel's plans to size and aborted its designs on the region.

"The draft is a signal that this country is ready to resume its pioneering role and re-enact the glorious past when its armies marched out to uphold the word of God."

In another commentary "Al-Nadwa" said that "while the Israelis observe the anniversary of Nazi acts against Jews and show doctored films of torture in order to earn international sympathy, their soldiers are committing ugly crimes against the Palestinians and the Lebanese going to the extent of using banned bombs supplied to them by the Americans.

"If the world stops to compare between the so-called Nazi crimes against the Jews and the latter's savagery towards the Palestinians,

it will discover that the Zionists are the real Nazis who should be punished.

"President Carter tells the Jews that 'we should fight for human rights, we should understand and we should above all remember.'"

"Well why doesn't he remember human rights except when they concern the Jews? Why doesn't he bother to stop and think about the Israeli depredations against the Palestinians and when he talks of genocide and ways to prevent it, why does he not apply it in the case of the Palestinians who are being systematically liquidated by the Israelis?"

"Carter's statements and defense of human rights are beautiful words but what does he think of the suppression of the Palestinians and the denial of their basic human rights? Did he read the American consul's report from Jerusalem and what Alexandria Johnson said about the Israeli suppression of Palestinian human

rights there? If Carter believes that human rights are indivisible, why does he align himself with the Israelis against the Palestinians and why did he allow himself to ignore Palestinian human rights at Camp David and permitted the Zionists to flout them. Carter should remember that human rights are universal and are not confined to Jewish victims of Nazi crimes."

According to "Al-Bilad" there may soon be another peace initiative in the region "now that the separate peace treaty between Egypt and Israel has failed to bring about a peaceful settlement."

"Besides, the rising tempo of Palestinian resistance and the continued turmoil in Lebanon have persuaded many observers that peace is not near. The indications are that the European powers intend to launch another initiative calling for a conference of all parties. Europe has made its position

clear that there can be no lasting peace without Palestinian involvement. Europe has a stake in peace in the region on account of its huge interests in the Arab world. There is talk of another initiative by the United Nations calling for a conference of all the parties concerned. Some say that the U.S. is behind this proposal although it still strives for more separate treaties similar to the Egyptian Israeli one.

Discussing Prince Sultan's extensive tour of army camps and troops in the country, "Al-Madina" said that the Prince "constantly reminds the men in the field of their responsibilities, foremost of which is Jihad. He says that the armed forces are not there for aggression but for the defense of Islam."

The paper said that the army of Saudi Arabia is preparing itself for Jihad against atheists, Zionists and imperialists.



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Transition for Jeddah's silver souks

By Kay Hardy Campbell

JEDDAH — In Bab Shareef, a market area on the southeastern fringe of the old center of Jeddah, scores of craftsmen are hammering out the belts, necklaces, pendants and bracelets of Arabian silver jewellery. Their customers in this market place called the Yemeni souk are Hajjis, Bedouin, or a broad cross section of the many foreigners resident in the city. They seek silver for its price or for its adherence to cultural roots reaching back to a time before the future uprooted much of the rest of the city.

A short distance away, a handful of silversmiths cling to the shrinking perimeter of the Turkish Quarter, watching as their neighbors in the Bab Mecca souk have turned their market stalls into glittering displays of gold. The sound of automobile horns fills the air.

Office towers converge in the skyline. The customers are affluent, dressed and scented in vogue fashion. The gold gleams beneath glass, as fresh and clean as a newly-minted SR100 note.

In the last three or four years, the precious craft of fashioning Arabian silver has undergone a transition in Jeddah. The shopkeepers of Bab Mecca have witnessed a general disappearance of silver, and with it, a tradition that defined a way of life.

An even older tradition is at work here, however — the tradition of the market place, the souk, the Middle Eastern bazaar. Silver has not disappeared. It has merely moved, displaced by affluence in one part of the souk only to regain strength in a separate place of less opulence.

Like other souks of the Arab world, Bab Mecca and Bab Sharif reflect the desire of shopkeepers to stay together within their crafts, as a guild that defines a neighborhood. One alley offers nothing but gold, another little besides silver. Where they are mixed, it is a sign of changing fortunes on the part of merchants and customers alike.

"Here in 'Souk al-Youmna' (Yemeni Souk), we preserve folk tradition by continuing to produce traditional silver jewelry on order and by selling 'second-hand' pieces," a silver artisan explained. He waved his pliers about in one hand while speaking.

"Down this street there are perhaps one hundred craftsmen who work in silver. They will produce gold work on demand, but silver is more common." The silver business is still very good in this part of town.

The character of the Yemeni Souk differs from that of any other section of Jeddah's market area. Its relatively quiet streets are lined with one-story mud brick walls interrupted occasionally by small one room shops. No neon signs reach out to the potential customers who walk purposefully down its streets. Browsing is not common among those in this part of town, most of whom sport the traditional costumes of the Yemen.

Some of the most commonly sold goods include the wide Yemeni-style leather belts, tents, shisha pipes and household wares.

Tens of small silver shops operate briskly there, as they have for decades. They are usually manned by one or two craftsmen who sit long hours in the shops acting as salesmen, buyers and artisans. They fashion the traditional jewelry step by step, as they learned the craft. In the more prosperous shops craftsmen use modern tools, such as blow torches.

Circular fans turn overhead in most shops. Air conditioning is a luxury that few can afford. The shops are lit by one or two bare hanging light bulbs, giving the craftsmen ample lighting for their



Ibrahim Ba Dawood of Bab Mecca

work. They sit either on the floor, cushioned with humble mats and pillows, or upon low stools, bent over their work with their legs tucked under them.

Friends of the artisans pass by the shops every few minutes.

Some shout greetings as they pass on their way. Other stop for a chat, shaking everyone's hands as they enter, stepping over the pots and bowls and tools scattered on the floor about the craftsmen. They sit among the workers who continue hammering and bending while engaged in lively conversation.

Should a dealer enter a shop, wishing to trade or sell a piece, one of the artisans makes him welcome. Perhaps he will send a young boy down the dusty street to the nearest cafe to bring a pot of heavily sweetened tea or a silver tray with clear glass demitasse cups. The transaction and bargaining is done quickly in hushed voices. Whether a trade or a sale is concluded, all parties usually leave on good terms, saluting each other politely.

The shop of Muhammad Ahmad Shayba of Bab Shareef specializes in fashioning belts (Abzimahl) and the bib-like necklaces that resemble chain mail, (Shairiyat). The walls of his shop are decorated with numerous samples of these pieces. He has operated out of that shop for over 10 years, dealing in these two items. His shop is relatively prosperous, with wood paneling and modern tools.

"The Bedouin order these belts most frequently," explained Shayba's young assistant, who is originally from Pakistan. "We produce the belts in both silver and gold, but more people request silver."

Shayba sat cross-legged on the floor of his shop, carefully forming the beads (Dummaq) that will decorate the bottom edge of the belts. He completed fashioning the beads by soldering silver loops to each one with a blow torch.

The production of new silver pieces is lively in Bab Shareef. In addition to new jewellery, many shops have small, moderately priced selections of second hand jewellery. These pieces are frequently left intact in their original arrangements.

In contrast with the liveliness of Bab Shareef, the silver souk in Bab Mecca has all but disappeared. The lofty lattice-windowed buildings of the Turkish Quarter no longer loom over a

The gold shops are run by energetic young men in immaculate thobes. They assist their customers cheerfully, while darting back and forth from their calculators to their electronic scales, where each piece must be weighed for its price.

The remaining silver shops are maintained by old, modest merchants who wear the costume of the Yemen and the Hadramaut.

The merchants sit huddled in conversation with an equally ancient crony or two. They slowly answer questions of customers, sometimes merely stating the price of a certain piece without looking up or offering a greeting.

The decor of the gold shops follows a certain style that usually includes wood paneling, glass wall and free standing display cases, glass doors and large mirrors. The effect of the large amounts of glass, mirrors and gold is fascinating when the wind from the air conditioners makes the delicate gold pieces wave, causing thousands of tiny reflections to shoot about the store.

The silver shops retain their modest look, with bare light bulbs and one or two dusty display cases holding silver treasures piled on the glass shelves in disorder. Small

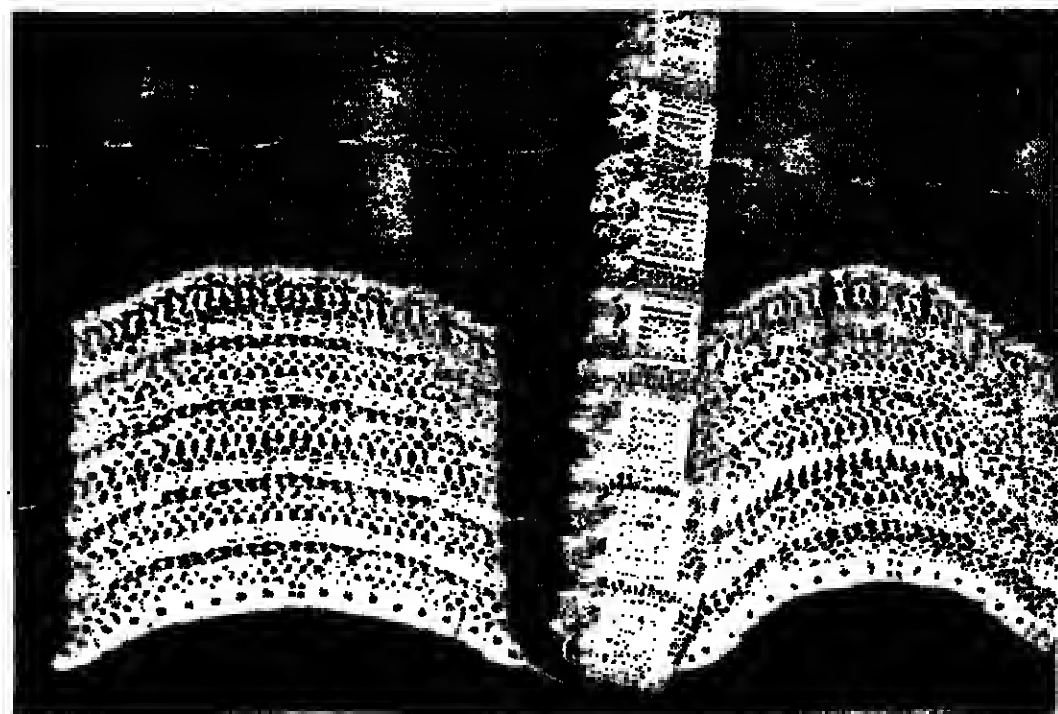
mirrors are available in each store, although some do have a modest hanging mirror.

One silver shop in Bab Mecca is now entirely surrounded by gold dealers. Abdullah Muhammad al-Imari has been in that store for 35 years. "Business used to be very good. Now, look around. People want to buy gold. They have more money now. We will switch over to gold next year, God willing. We will have air conditioning and a decor similar to these other shops."

His grandson spoke up, "Gold jewellery is easier to produce, since one uses machines. Silver is made by hand. It's very slow and tiring to make silver jewellery."

Three men interrupted as they entered the shop. One of them knelt down to speak with Al-Imari, who was seated on a low stool. He unfolded a brown cloth to reveal two beautiful newly fashioned silver ankle bracelets. Al-Imari bargained carefully for them. Both he and the seller were pleased with the final price. Al-Imari then set them carefully in his display case.

About every minute someone would pause at his display case and inquire about the price of a certain item. They seemed like careful shoppers. Perhaps they



Shairiyat and Abzimahl

were pondering whether to buy gold or to get a better bargain with silver.

Despite the near disappearance of the silver trade from Bab Mecca, a silver market continues to thrive in Jeddah, at Bab Shareef. The survival of the market depends on the continued demand for silver. Those who will insure the survival of the craft are rural folk and others of moderate means who cannot afford gold, foreign pilgrims who trade or buy silver, and other, predominantly western, visitors who seek out

traditional jewellery antiques. Ba Dawood explained his personal optimism about the future demand for silver in Jeddah.

"During the Hajj, the entire souk does its best business. Cloth, spices, gold, silver, all sell quickly. Many pilgrims bring fine traditional silver jewelry pieces from home to sell. Others buy our silver goods as the silver markets in their home countries are prosperous, too. I will continue to deal in silver because it will always be in demand."

Although prosperity has dis-

placed the silver souk at Bab Mecca, it has not defeated the traditional craft. Its relocation in the quiet streets of Bab Shareef proves that the demand still exists for silver, and that a large number of silver merchants are willing to wager that the market will continue to exist for many years to come. This shift in location of the market also illustrates a phenomenon in the souk that is found in every trade — the shifting of markets according to the lots of the merchants, craftsmen and customers.

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الشركة المصرفية السعودية للاستثمار **THE SAUDI INVESTMENT BANKING CORPORATION** **BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1978**

ASSETS	SR	SR
	(in thousands)	
Cash	33,730	
Statutory deposit	33,294	
Commission-bearing deposits	343,958	
Loans	668,256	
Less : Reserve for possible losses	6,683	
Investments	661,573	
Premises and equipment	161,792	
Accrued commission receivable	15,229	
Other assets	23,166	
Capitalised expenses	5,012	
	6,094	
Total assets	1,283,848	
Customers' liabilities under guarantees, acceptances and letters of credit	237,714	

SR 1,521,562

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

LIABILITIES	SR	SR
	(in thousands)	
Deposits	60,198	
Demand	908,678	
Time	26,638	
Other		
Total deposits	995,514	
Commission — bearing takings	202,050	
Accrued commission payable	11,735	
Other liabilities	1,754	
Proposed dividends	3,600	
Advance payment on new issue of share capital	33,189	
Total liabilities	1,247,842	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital	30,000	
Legal reserve	2,345	
Retained income	3,661	
Total shareholders' equity	36,006	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	1,283,848	
Guarantees, acceptances and letters of credit on behalf of customers	237,714	
	SR 1,521,562	

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO SHAREHOLDERS

We have examined the financial statements of the Saudi Investment Banking Corporation at 31 December 1978. Our examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary.

In our opinion the financial statements present a fair view of the financial condition of the Corporation at 31 December 1978, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the period from 3 April 1977 to 31 December 1978.

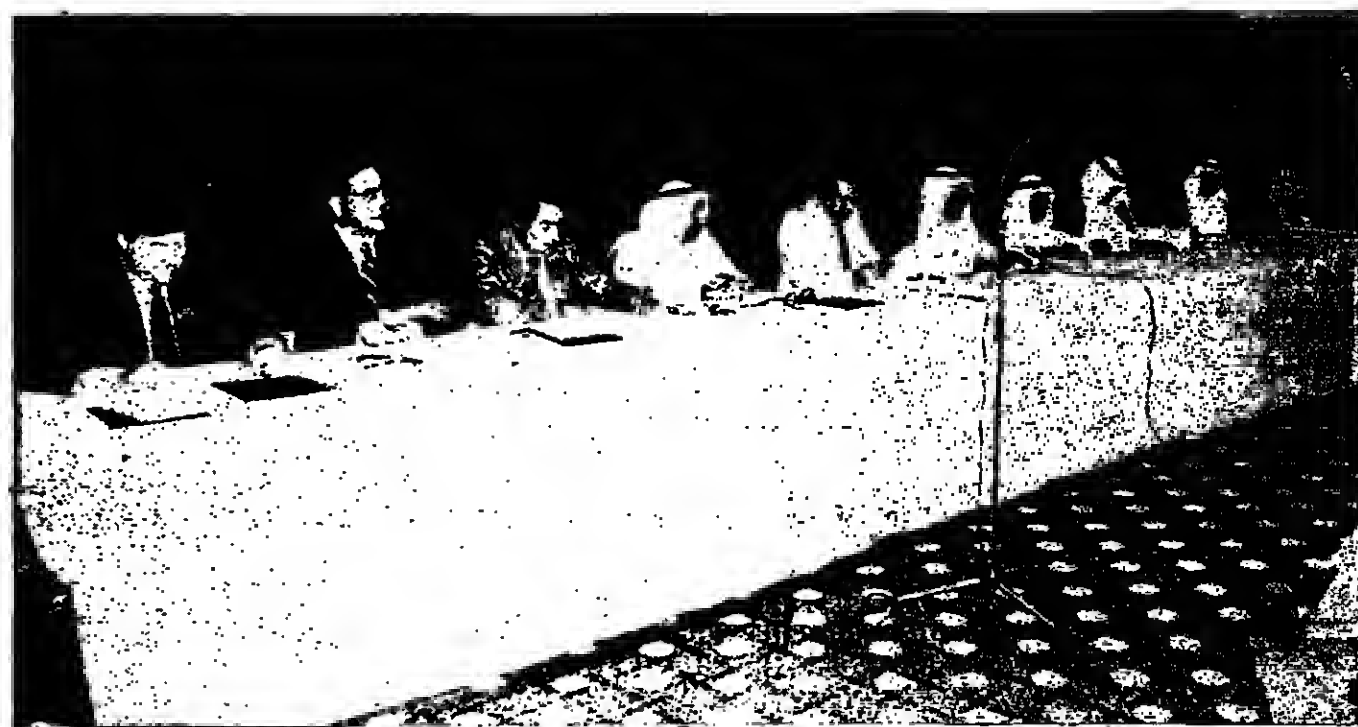
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THE SAUDI INVESTMENT BANKING CORPORATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE PERIOD FROM 3 APRIL 1977 TO 31 DECEMBER 1978

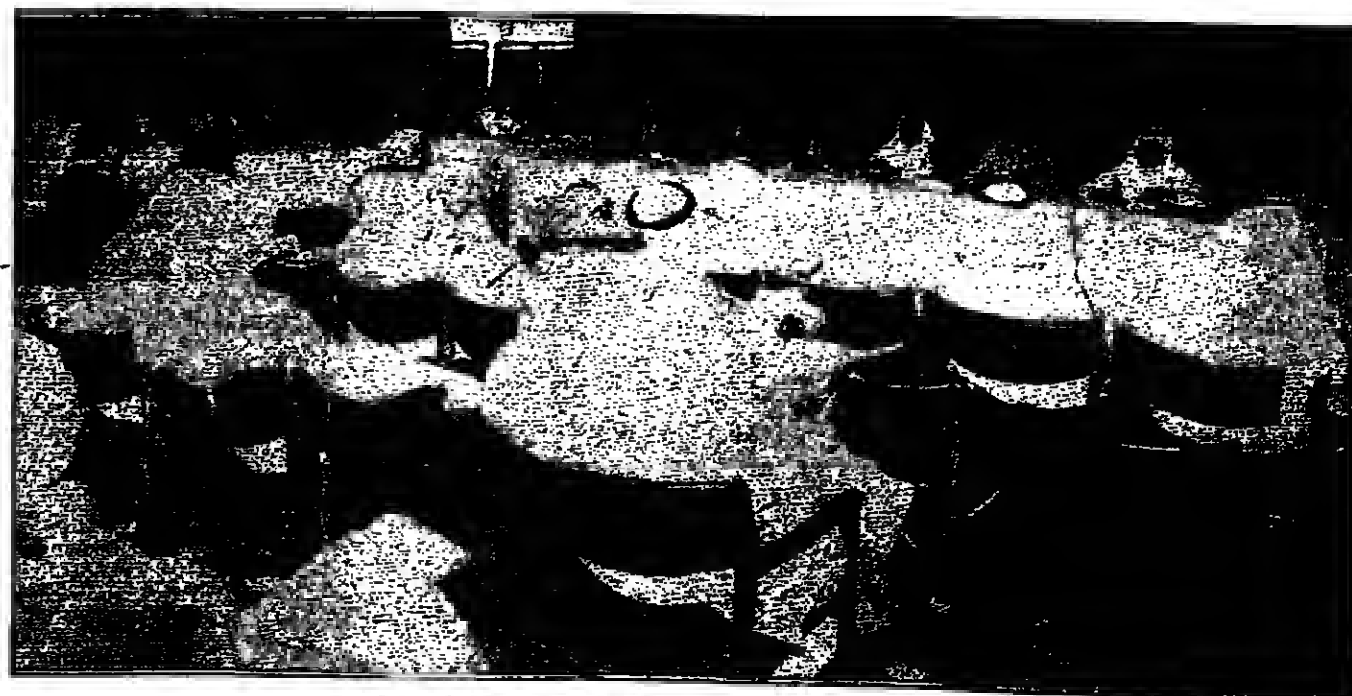
INCOME	SR	SR
	(in thousands)	
Commission on loans	37,788	
Arrangement fees on loans	5,485	
Commission on bank deposit placings	18,735	
Commission on investment securities	9,793	
Other commissions	4,717	
Money market trading gains	2,935	
	79,453	
COMMISSION EXPENSE		
Deposits	19,590	
Bank takings	13,148	
Other	979	
	33,717	
NET COMMISSION INCOME	45,736	
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and employee benefits	17,419	
Occupancy of bank premises	2,460	
Other expenses	5,091	
Depreciation and amortization of premises and equipment	921	
Formation expenses	2,348	
Amortization of capitalised expenses	1,208	
	29,447	
INCOME BEFORE RESERVE FOR POSSIBLE LOSSES	16,289	
Reserve for possible losses	6,683	
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	9,606	
Transfers and appropriation		
Legal reserve	2,345	
Proposed dividends	3,600	
RETAINED INCOME AT THE END OF PERIOD	SR 3,661	



Board of Directors of SIBC at the annual general assembly of shareholders with Dr. Mahsoon Jalal, Chairman Presiding.



Some of the Shareholders present at the general assembly held at the Zahret Al Shark on Tuesday April 17, 1979



Dr. Mahsoon Jalal, Chairman responding to a question from one of the Shareholders.



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الشركة المصرفية السعودية للاستثمار **THE SAUDI INVESTMENT BANKING CORPORATION**

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY :

Dear Shareholders :

It is a pleasure that I welcome you to the annual meeting of the General Assembly of our Company.

I am glad to inform you that the results for the period ending December 31, 1978 were extremely good, showing a net profit of SR. 16,289,000 before provisions, representing 54% of our paid-up capital.

I take this opportunity to express in my name and on your behalf our sincere gratitude to H.M. King Khalid and H.R.H. the Crown Prince for their rational policy towards the stability, welfare and progress of our country. I also thank the officials in the Government of Saudi Arabia and deeply appreciate their encouragement and assistance to our Institution in all areas.

I also wish to extend my thanks to our shareholders, customers and correspondents for their support and confidence in our Company.

In conclusion while pointing with great satisfaction to our achievements I would like to thank the Management and the Staff of SIBC for their devoted efforts which made all of this possible, and congratulate Mr. Jamal Radwan for his appointment to a prominent position in Chase Manhattan Ltd, London as Executive Director.

He will be replaced by Mr. Richard F. Stacks who will become the General Manager and Executive Director of your Company effective April 18, 1979.

As far as the Chairman's position of your Company is concerned I would like to inform you that I have the honour to represent the Kingdom in the International Monetary Fund and have been appointed to the position of Executive Director in Washington. This will necessitate my residence in the United States, and consequently I will be giving up the Chairmanship of your company.

My successor will be appointed in the near future.

In conclusion I am confident that SIBC will continue to enhance its effectiveness and sincerely hope that the results of the coming years will be good enough to satisfy your expectations for more success and growth under the new Management.

In accordance with the Articles of Association I have the honour to submitting to you the Report of the Board of Directors regarding the activities of our Company for the period ending December 1978, which will be read by the Secretary of the Board.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The Board of Directors of your Company welcomes you to the first Annual Meeting of the general assembly of SIBC.

The Company has concluded its first full year of operation and I take this opportunity to express on your behalf, our deep appreciation and sincere gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia headed by His Majesty the King and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince for their wise policy which has demonstrated that their constant target is the welfare, interest and stability of our Country. I also wish to extend our thanks to His Excellency the Minister of Finance and National Economy and His Excellency the Governor of SAMA as well as their assistants for the fruitful and constructive cooperation they have provided to our Company.

Dear Shareholders :

The Board of Directors has the honour of submitting to you its first Annual Report including the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1978 and the profit and Loss Statement for the period April 3, 1977 to December 31, 1978.

In order to insure the future expansion of SIBC, the following major steps were taken during 1978 :

1 — To extend the Company's services and expand its activities in the Kingdom two additional branches were opened. Jeddah Branch in the Western Region started on 24 Jumad Awal 1398H (May 1st 1978) and Alkhobar Branch in the Eastern Region began operations on 19th Shaaban 1398 (July 24 1978). These two branches have already generated earnings of more than four million Riyals.

2 — The Company increased its capital from 30 Million to 90 Million Riyals effective January 1, 1979.

The increase has been paid-up in full. The additional shares were allotted to shareholders with absolute fairness in view of the substantial oversubscription. This was a further indication of your confidence in the Company.

3 — The Company has purchased three thousand two hundred fifty square meters of land to construct a modern office building which will be the location of our new Headquarters and Riyadh Branch Office. This will enable the Company to develop more business and to match the expanding development and progress in the Kingdom.

Financial Highlights :

The Balance Sheet reflects the Company's increased activities during this period. The significant growth is shown in the level of total assets which reached 1,283,848,000 Riyals. In addition, memoranda accounts of customers liability under guarantees and documentary letters of credit totalled 237,714,000 Riyals.

1. Cash and Due from Banks

The total Cash and Deposits with SAMA and other local and correspondent banks as of the close of the financial year, including commission bearing placings, totalled 410,982,000 Riyals. When considering investments in securities which amounted to 161,792,000 Riyals, the total is 573,774,000 Riyals. This provides substantial liquidity (about 56%) and reflects that a conservative policy has been followed.

2. Loans

Total loans outstanding as of December 31, 1978 amounted to 661,573,000 Riyals net after deducting a reserve of 1% Loans were granted to over 130 different local companies and enterprises. The average loan commitment was approximately 6,000,000 Riyals.

3. Investment in Local and Foreign Securities

Investment portfolio holdings in marketable securities are generally held until maturity and are therefore carried at cost. Gains and losses realized on sales of investment securities represent the difference between net adjusted value (for amortization of premium and accretion of discount) and the actual sale value. Holdings of investment securities totalled 161,792,000 Riyals at December 31, 1978. Attention was paid to high yield prime bonds. The Company has acquired some stocks of local companies as well.

4. Premises

Real Estate and other fixed assets amounted to 15,229,000 Riyals. Of this amount 6,825,000 Riyals represents the value of land purchased. Most of the balance pertains to the cost of opening the two branches in Jeddah and Al-Khobar during 1978.

5. Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity

Deposits:

As of December 31, 1978 customer deposits reached almost one billion Riyals. This demonstrates the confidence of depositors consisting of individuals, companies, organizations and other entities have shown in your Corporation. There are over 150 depositors with an average deposit of approximately seven million Riyals. In addition, commission bearing bank deposits amounted to 202,000,000 Riyals. Thus total deposits reached 1,202,000,000 Riyals as of year end 1978.

6. Memorandum Accounts, Letters of Credit, Letters Guarantee and Forward foreign Exchange Contracts :

Total Memorandum accounts at the end of 1978 amounted to 237,714,000 Riyals. We are very grateful to the ministry of Finance and National Economy who has granted permission to

the Corporation to transact Letters of Guarantee. Various Government agencies have accepted our guarantees like those of other banks operating in the Kingdom.

This has contributed substantially to our profitability. Letters of Credit opened for the account of our borrowing customer's represent a significant portion of the Memorandum Accounts as well.

With regard to foreign exchange activities which are reflected in the Memorandum Accounts, SIBC has effectively and efficiently performed in this area despite the weakness of the Dollar which has created instability in the money market starting in 1977 thru 1978. The Dollar devalued against the Saudi Riyal and most other currencies which made it difficult to forecast the trends of Foreign Exchange Market. Nevertheless we were able to manage our positions and generate approximately three million Riyals profit from foreign exchange activities during this period.

7. Income, Expenditures, and Profit & Loss Accounts :

Net income for the period prior to taxes, Zakat taxation, and reserves, amounted to 16,289,000 Riyals. Total Commission income for the period amounted to 79,453,000 Riyals including 2,935,000 Riyals in foreign exchange earnings. During the period we paid 19,590,000 Riyals in commissions to depositors and paid 14,127,000 Riyals in commissions to banks and other financial institution on deposits. Net commission income was therefore 45,736,000 Riyals, including foreign exchange earn The operating expenses for the period were 29,447,000 Riyals. 60% of operating expenses amounting to 17,419,000 Riyals was for employees salaries and benefits. This includes the Board of Directors fees and transportation expenses to attend Board meetings of 898,981 Riyals. Net profit before the provision for the Loan Loss Reserve was therefore 16,289,000 Riyals. The Board of Directors has decided to allocate to and Internal Reserve a sum equal to 1% of total loan outstanding, this provision amounting to 6,683,000 Riyals, reflects the conservative financial policies adopted by the Corporation.

8. Net Profit and Distribution of Earnings :

After reviewing the financial performance of the Corporation the Board has recommended to distribute the net profit as follows:

Net Profit for Period prior to Provision for Reserve:	16,289,000
Less: 1. Provision for Internal Reserve	(6,683,000)
2. Provision for Statutory Reserve	(2,345,000)
Available for Distribution to Shareholders	(7,261,000)
Recommended Dividend (12% of Par Value of Shares)	(3,600,000)
Retained Earnings for the Period	3,661,000

9. Staffing

Total number of personnel as of December 31, 1978 was 154. The Company has sent a number of Saudis for training abroad for a period ranging from three to six months to acquaint them with banking business. In addition, the Company has hired eight other Saudis as management trainees. It is intended to send them for further training during 1979. This indicates that SIBC is following an aggressive policy to enhance staff abilities, and to develop their efficiency to prepare them to assume positions of senior responsibilities.

The Board of Directors wishes to take this opportunity to express appreciation and warmest gratitude to our customers and correspondents for their invaluable support and confidence in our Company. The Board also deeply appreciates the contributions and devoted efforts of the Company's Management and all employees in order to achieve SIBC's targets and its further progress.

The board of Directors would like to express its appreciation as well to all of our shareholders for the excellent support that you have provided to the Corporation since its inception.

Dr. Mahsoun Jalal
Chairman of the Board

For Grand Prix today

Ferraris make running in Spain

JARAMA, Spain April 28 (AP) — The Ferraris of world championship leader Gilles Villeneuve of Canada and South African Jody Scheckter dominated the first day of qualifying for Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix.

The Canadian, who won the last two races in the series, was fastest Friday both in the morning practice session and, when it counted, in the timed qualifying trials in the afternoon.

He was the only one of the 27 drivers to break one minute 15 seconds for one lap of the circuit near Madrid, reaching an average 101.65 miles per hour (163.691 kph) on his fastest lap.

Scheckter was timed at 1:15.10 during the session, held on a dry track with a bitterly cold, blustery wind.

Behind the Ferraris came the two Ligiers and behind them, the two Lotus racers, a logical line-up of team strength for the first six places.

France's Jacques Laffite, victor in the first two grands prix this season, was third fastest on 1:15.27, ahead of teammate and

fellow-countryman Patrick Depailler in 1:17.40.

Carlos Reutemann of Argentina had the older model Lotus 79 in fifth spot with 1:15.67, former world champion Mario Andretti of the United States was an encouraging sixth in 1:15.6, in the first race outing for the new Lotus 80.

Though the original smooth design has sprouted wings front and aft, testing showed roadhold-

ing problems, but was clear that the Lotus team was starting to get the car competitive quickly.

Renault was also pleased with the first outing of its new RS 10 model turbocar. Although Jean-Pierre Jabouille, in ninth place in 1:16.47, was behind his teammate Rene Arnoux's seventh with 1:16.16 in the older car, manager Gerard Larrousse said he felt Arnoux was near his top speed.

Two more sessions Saturday

should allow the new car to make further progress.

The rest of the top ten runners were France's Didier Pironi, Tyrrell, eighth in 1:16.36, and former world champion Niki Lauda of Austria tenth in his Brabham Alfa in 1:16.48.

His teammate Nelson Piquet had an engine blow, causing a delay while the track was inspected for oil. He could make only 16th spot in a reserve.

Espinosa aids 2-0 trashing

Philadelphia sinks San Diego

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP) — Nino Espinosa hurled a four-hitter and singled twice as the Philadelphia Phillies blanked Gaylor Perry and the San Diego Padres 2-0 Friday night.

The 40-year-old Perry, last year's National League Cy Young winner and the only pitcher to win the award in both leagues struggled through the first few innings as the Phillies scored twice.

Perry hit Garry Maddox with

the bases loaded in the first to force a run. The Phils added another run as Bake McBride singled, stole second and scored on Larry Bowa's single to left.

Espinosa sent the Padres batting order to the bench in the first, second, sixth and seventh innings. He had six strikeouts and walked only two in raising his record to 3-0 and lowering his earned run average to 1.55.

In other National League

action, Art Howe drove in four runs on four hits, including a tie-breaking RBI single in the 11th inning, to lead the Houston Astros to a 9-8 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

George Foster scored in the bottom of the ninth inning on a wild pitch to give the Cincinnati Reds a 4-3 decision over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Jeff Burroughs hit a double in the eighth, scoring Pepe Frias with the go-ahead run, to give the Atlanta Braves a 3-2 triumph over the Chicago Cubs.

Andrews Dawson and Gary Carter each slammed a pair of home runs which drove in three runs apiece to pace the Montreal Expos past the San Francisco Giants 14-8.

The game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Mets in New York was rained out.

Over in the American League, Al Cowens rapped four hits and Frank White smashed three, including a home run, as the Kansas City Royals crushed the Cleveland Indians 15-7.

Chet Lemon drove in three runs with a two-run homer and a double, and Claudell Washington also drove in three runs and scored three, to lead Ross Baumgarten and the Chicago White Sox to an 11-0 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Jerry Koosman and Mike Marshall combined on an eight-hitter and Bombo Rivera drove in two runs with a pair of singles as the Minnesota Twins defeated the Detroit Tigers 5-3.

Gorman Thomas' three-run homer capped a four-run Milwaukee second inning and the Brewers went on to defeat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-5.

Solo home runs by Willie Horton, Bob Stinson and Dan Meyer in the eighth inning rallied the Seattle Mariners past the New York Yankees 6-5, snapping an 11-game losing streak.

Heads New Orleans field

New putt and old flair from Trevino

NEW ORLEANS, April 28 (AP) — Lee Trevino, showing a new putting stroke and his old confidence, came from three shots off the pace with a no-bogey, five-under-par 67 and took the second-round lead Friday in the \$250,000 New Orleans Open golf tournament.

"It's simple," said Trevino. "I haven't made a bogey in the tournament and I've missed one green in two days."

He won this event in 1974, with a record score of 21 under par, without making a bogey over the 7040-yard Lakewood Country Club course.

Trevino had a 36-hole total of 135, nine shots under par.

One stroke back at 136 were first-round leader Frank Conner, Hubert Green, Curtis Strange and Steve Melnick.

Green, who birdied his first four holes and played the front side in 30, had a share of the lead until bogeying the final hole for a 67. Conner shot a 71 in the warm, sunny weather, Strange had a 70 and Melnick carded a 68.

At 137 were Australian Bob Shearer, Cal Peete and Jim Colbert. Peete had a 67, Shearer a 68 and Colbert a 71.

The group at 138 included Bruce Lietzke, Doug Tewell,

Gibby Gilbert and Howard Twitty. Twitty spaced his round of 68 with an eagle-three, Gilbert shot a 69, Lietzke a 70 and Tewell matched par 72.

Defending titleholder Lon Hinkle fired a 72 for 141.

Tom Watson, the outstanding

player in the game the past two seasons and the leading money-winner this year, struggled to a one-over-par 73 that stopped his streak of 14 consecutive rounds at par or better. He was at par 14, the cutoff figure to qualify for the final two rounds.

First round

Blalock leads in Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. April 28 (AP) — Jane Blalock carded a four-under 68 to claim the first-round lead Friday in the \$100,000 Orey Crisman LPGA classic.

"I thought I had an advantage by playing late," she said. She won last week at Orlando. "The wind and the sun dried the course out."

A soggy course at Green Valley Country Club early Friday refused to allow the ball to bounce and slowed the progress of the game, but by late afternoon, the greens were pretty much dried out.

Blalock scored five birdies, but bogeyed the fourth hole after missing the green.

Pat Bradley, two under par, said, "I'm pleased with my 70, but I think it would take a little more than two under each day to do anything in this tournament."

Bradley, who finished fourth here in 1977 and fifth last year, called the course, "a thinking man's course."

"It's not all muscle. You have to hit the green."

Posing four birdies and two bogeys, she remarked, "I can tell you it's about time for me to win."

M.J. Smith, in an up-and-down day, started early during a "windy and chilly" day and ended the first round with a 71.

Defending titleholder Hollis Stacy had a bad day, finishing with a 75.

Hilal's consistency wins through

League settled, top Saudi teams look to King's Cup

By David Smith

JEDDAH, April 28 — With one series of matches left to play in the Premier Division, the main issues have been settled after an exciting weekend's soccer. Riyadh's Al-Hilal clinched the title with a 1-0 victory over close rivals Al-Nasr after leading the table for most of the season. There are few who would grudge Hilal the honor, as it has undoubtedly been the most consistent side throughout long season.

The acquisition of Brazilian world cup star Roberto Rivelino has been the major influence behind Hilal's recovery of the title which it held in 1977 but relinquished to Jeddah's Al-Ahli last season. Rivelino's cultured passing and powerful shooting with his famous left foot has given the Riyadh side the vital cutting edge, but this was by no means a one-man triumph. Hilal's defense, marshalled by international Saleh Al-Naim, conceded only 14 goals in 17 matches, and goalkeeper Ibrahim Younis was beaten only three times in his last 10 outings.

Up front Tunisian Najib Imam and international striker Sultan ibn Nassib have been consistent scorers, but it was the all-

important midfield which gave Hilal the advantage. Rivelino's skills, allied to the cool distribution of Al-Umda and the power of Othman Marzooq, provided the base for Hilal's methodical approach, clearly a result of the coaching of Brazilian Mario Zagalo.

In second place, Al-Nasr held on to Hilal for most of the season, but finally had to concede the title, as last year when it finished one point behind Al-Ahli on 29. Despite a surfeit of gifted individual players, Nasr never managed to find the cohesion and blend of Hilal, especially in the middle of the field where Hilal was so strong.

Nasr's defense had an even better record than Hilal, conceding only 12 goals in 17 matches, while in attack, Aziz, Agrab and Abdurabo gave excellent support to the magnificent Majid Abdullah, whose 15 goals were bettered only by Rivelino's 18. Majid's goal were evenly distributed among 11 matches, and this record, coming on top of his eight goals in the Gulf Games in Baghdad, caps a fine season for the tall striker.

The Jeddah sides had varying seasons, and will be looking for good cup runs to make up for the



TAREK DIAB: Impressive first season for Ahli

league disappointments. Al-Ittihad, with a new-look side this year, can be satisfied with third place in the league after a poor start to the season. Coach Dettmar Crammer said at the beginning of the campaign that he was not looking for miracles in his

first year, but was aiming to build a side which could win something next season. Newcomers such as full-back Ashoush and forward Abu Samra have developed well during the year, under the guidance of Saudi international Issa Hamdan and West German midfielder player Theo Buecker, who has been a tremendous influence on the young side.

Ittihad's main problem has been finding someone to score goals consistently. Twenty-six goals in 17 matches is not title-winning form, and the Swedish center-forward Tomas Sjoberg has been troubled by injury and unable to

reproduce his free-scoring form for Malmoe. If Ittihad can find someone to play alongside Hamdan and Abu Samra in attack, it will be a danger to the top sides next year.

Last year's champion Al-Ahli has had an unhappy season. Brazilian coach Didi seemed to have a strong team built up when he added Tunisian star Tarek Diab to his title-winning squad. Prolonged injuries to strikers Amin Dabbo and Imad Khojaly in the middle of the season upset the rhythm of the side, and as soon as these two returned, international Ahmad Saghir was sidelined with a leg injury received against Kuwait in Baghdad.

Tarek Diab, however, has had an impressive first season in the Kingdom, and has shown his class recently with four goals in his last three matches. Against Ittihad Friday, Ahli seemed to be returning to something like its early season form in the first half, and may well be the team to watch in the King's Cup.

At the foot of the table, the two promoted sides, Al-Riyadh and Al-Atayl, return to the first division after only one season in the top flight. Both had some good results, with Riyadh gaining a fine 1-0 victory over Al-Wehda Friday, but over the season both teams found the pace of the Premier Division very different from the lower league.

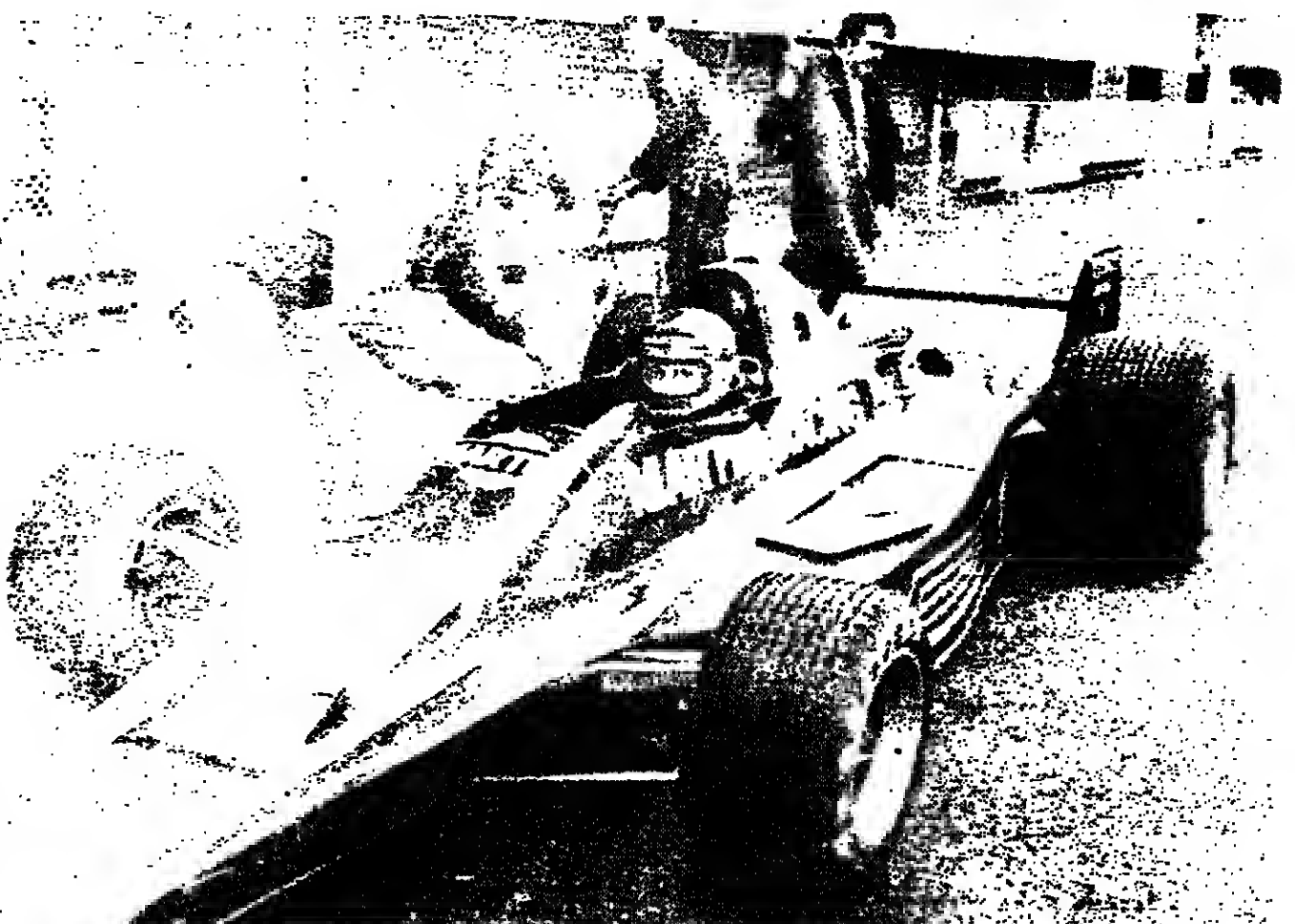
In the middle of the League, Al-Kadasia finish comfortably in fifth place after a bad start to the season, while Al-Ittifaq and Al-Wehda are in sixth and seventh spot.

Standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hilal	17	13	4	0	47	14	30
Nasr	17	11	5	1	38	12	27
Ittihad	17	9	4	4	26	19	22
Ahli	17	7	5	5	32	21	19
Kadasia	17	7	3	7	24	17	17
Ittifaq	17	5	5	7	16	24	15
Wehda	17	4	5	8	15	21	13
Nahda	17	4	4	9	18	31	12
Atayl	17	3	2	12	14	40	7
Riyadh	17	2	3	12	14	40	7

Weekend Results:

Hilal	1	Nasr	0
Ittihad	2	Ahli	2
Kadasia	1	Ittifaq	1
Nahda	3	Atayl	0
Riyadh	1	Wehda	2



NEW LOTUS: Mario Andretti listens to a Lotus technician after a test of the new Lotus 80 formula 1 car. In its first race Sunday, the Spanish Grand Prix, the car will start with an encouraging sixth in practice laps Friday.

U.K., Netherlands went down fighting

Pakistan meets Aussies in hockey final

PERTH, April 28 (AP) — Australia and Pakistan will clash in the final of the World Hockey Tournament Sunday after two exciting semi-final matches Saturday in which fortunes swung dramatically.

Australia qualified first when it twice came from behind to down Great Britain 3-2, with goalkeeper Wayne Green taking a penalty stroke full in the face only minutes before the end to ensure the win.

Exhibiting only a shadow of its usual skills and speed, Pakistan, the world champion, appeared completely dominated by the hard-fighting Netherlands, which shot to a 2-0 lead by the 24th minute.

But a last-minute goal in the first half saw a rejuvenated Pakistani team enter the attack in the second half, putting to good use the excellent form of right winger Kalimullah.

Kalimullah scored his team's first four goals, two of them aided by his brother, Samiullah, who scored the final goal for a convincing 5-2 victory.

In the only other match Satur-

day, Canada beat Kenya 3-1 to clinch seventh spot in the standings.

In the Australia game, three minutes before the final whistle, the British were awarded a penalty flick which appeared to provide an equalizer and send the game into extra time.

Penalty expert Terry Gregg took the shot, but was aghast to see Green save the goal by taking the ball full in the face, sending the near-capacity home crowd and Australian players wild with emotion.

Green was replaced. He received four stitches in the mouth.

British fullback Bob Catrall opened scoring in the tenth minute with a short corner conversion, but Australia's Jim Irvine levelled the score seven minutes later through another short corner.

Catrall took the British into the lead for the second time in the 34th minute with another short corner, for a 2-1 half time lead.

Australia converted another short corner goal in the 59th minute, a British attempt to get a foot to the ball deflecting it high into the net.

The Australians scored their winning goal only a minute later. David Bell made no mistake with a penalty stroke after captain Ric Charlesworth had been fouled within the circle.

With three minutes remaining, Green saved a short corner attempt by Catrall and then took the penalty stroke on his face. Green said later it was the first game.

time he had ever been thankful for being hit in the face with the ball.

Charlesworth who started many of Australia's attacking moves, also played a major role in his team's victory, as did vice captain Jim Irvine in defense.

Goalkeeper Ian Taylor brought off a series of spectacular saves to play a hero's role for the British team.

The Netherlands dominated play in the first half of the Pakistan game, scoring twice before the

Pakistanis, playing frenetically, began to turn on the pressure.

About fifteen minutes before the end of the first half, a Pakistani short corner shot into the goal was disallowed because of a foul hand stop.

With only half a minute to go, Kalimullah narrowed the Dutch lead to 2-1. Running down from the right, he cut through the Dutch defense, and made a dummy pass before flicking the ball into the top corner of the Netherlands goal.

Las Vegas straight-set wins for Borg, Connors

LAS VEGAS, Nev. April 28 (AP) — Top-seeded Bjorn Borg and second-seeded Jimmy Connors scored straight-set victories in the semifinals of the \$250,000 Alan King tennis classic.

Borg, of Sweden, breezed past unseeded Gene Mayer 6-1, 6-1 in the afternoon. Connors had a tougher time at night, downing third-seeded John McEnroe 7-5, 6-4.

Borg and Connors were to meet Saturday afternoon for the championship, with the winner collecting \$50,000.

The 22-year-old Borg needed just 43 minutes to dispose of Mayer. The other semifinal match lasted about 90 minutes.

Connors refused to talk to reporters after the match. Before playing, he said, "I came here to play tennis, not to talk." McEnroe was also unavailable after the game.

McEnroe had two set points in the 10th game of the first set, but Connors wriggled off the hook, and wound up capturing the final three games. Connors broke McEnroe's service in the first game of the second set and the pair held service the rest of the way.

Mayer was only able to earn nine points in first set as Borg got off to an unusually fast start, and there was little letup in the second set. The Swede was successful with mostly spin serves, and did not make an unforced error until the fifth game of the second set.

"I had a lot of confidence and I was playing very well," said Borg. "The 90-degree heat didn't bother me. Fortunately, it was a short match."

"Mayer was missing shots he doesn't usually miss and he missed a lot of first serves."

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Mr. Jean Paul Rimoux, Export Director of Parfum Rochas Paris, paid a special visit to Saudi Arabia to attend the launch of the new perfume from ROCHAS — PARIS "MYSTERE DE ROCHAS". "MYSTERE DE ROCHAS" is a very contemporary perfume, its original and well balanced composition develops harmoniously and faithfully the secrets of its multiple ingredients.

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\$ 821 million

U.S. trade deficit figures down sharply for March

WASHINGTON, April 28 (Agencies) — The U.S. trade deficit with the rest of the world narrowed sharply last month to just over \$821 million, compared to the \$1.3 billion recorded in February, the government reported Friday.

It was the most favorable trade figure since May, 1977, according to Commerce Department statistics.

Exports in March rose seven per cent to a record \$14.45 billion, while imports were only 3.2 per cent higher at \$15.27 billion.

During the first three months of this year the trade deficit totalled \$5.22 billion, compared with \$10.41 billion in the same 1978 period.

In March, 1978, the deficit was \$2.86 billion, more than three times last month's figure, which was the best since May, 1977, when the deficit amounted to \$723 million.

Exports flourished in all almost all sectors, but the oil import bill was higher at \$3.7 billion, because of sharp price increases and increased consumption.

Experts pointed out, however, that during part of the month, oil imports from Iran were frozen following political upheaval there.

Food exports rose to almost \$3 billion in March, up from \$2.4 billion in February, and the trade surplus in manufactured goods soared to \$807 million from \$254 million the previous month.

The \$821.3 million trade deficit in March was 37 per cent below the \$1.3 billion deficit in February and the \$3 billion deficit in the first month of the

year. The improvement occurred despite a \$16.3 million barrel increase in petroleum imports,

which totalled 254.3 million barrels in March, commerce said. But the crude oil price increases that occurred in the wake of the Iranian production shutdown earlier this year were reflected in higher oil import value. The value of the March imports at \$3.7 billion was a 13 per cent increase over the previous month.

The rise in both quantity and price of imported petroleum products followed a sharp decline in February, due to the unavailability of Iranian crude.

Commerce Department analyst Adren Cooper credited the improved trade balance with big increases in exports all along the line. He pointed out that most major sectors showed increases.

Cooper termed the overall 7 per cent increase in exports in March "not unprecedented, but it's quite large."

Exports in the first quarter totalled \$41.21 billion, up 33 per cent from the first quarter of 1978 commerce figures showed. That would work out to an annual rate of \$164.4 billion, about 14 per cent ahead of 1978.

Imports for the first quarter of this year totalled \$46.3 billion, a 12 per cent rise over the first quarter of last year. The commerce report said that represented an annual rate of \$185.2 billion, up about 8 per cent over last year.

Market Comment :

Uncertain year for the Street

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP) — Nearly a third of the way through the year, the 1979 stock market has yet to produce any of the fireworks that were so common in 1978.

Last April, for example, stock prices surged upward on record volume. But all this month, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials has remained stuck in a narrow band between 855 and 880.

In the past week, the widely recognized average posted a token 34 loss to 856.64. With one trading day left in the month, it shows a net decline for April of 5.54 points.

Other weekly readings showed the New York Stock Exchange composite index up .31 at 57.40, and the American Stock Exchange market value index up 2.83 at 183.65.

Big board volume averaged 30.98 million shares a day, against 29.36 million the week before.

For 1979 to date, the Dow

Jones Industrial Average shows a January gain, a February loss, a March gain and an April loss, belying considerable indecision and confusion among investors.

There is confusion among market analysts as well. Commenting on the mild decline this month, analysts Richard McCabe and Robert Farrell at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith observed:

"The reasons given—varied from the idea that the economy is heating up and interest rates will trend higher, to the notion that the economy is slowing down and corporate profits will eventually trend downward."

MCCabe and Farrell said 1979 is shaping up as a "transition year in which the forces of cyclical topping and secular (i.e., long-term) bottoming fight to a standstill."

"We still are convinced that the ultimate winner will be the secular bullish forces, but until the cyclical

factors connected with a maturing business cycle work themselves out, the payoff may be delayed," they said.

As S. Jay Levy, a Chappaqua, N.Y., economist who publishes a bulletin called "Industry Forecast" summarized the common mood of skepticism in the financial community about the business outlook:

"Government is attempting to fine tune the economy, to reduce its rate of upward progress without allowing it to decline. Fallible human beings working with unsatisfactory tools are trying to perform this feat."

One immediate hurdle facing the market, in the meantime, is what investment advisor Yale Hirsch of Old Tappan, N.J., calls "the May-June disaster area."

The name refers to the fact that, whether by coincidence or not, the market since the mid-1960s has run into trouble almost every year sometime in May or June. Hirsch calculated that since 1965, the Dow Jones Industrial Average has

average a 2.2 per cent decline in May and a 1.0 per cent loss in June.

"Not once in the 10 years between 1965 and 1974 was the Dow Jones Industrial Average able to chalk up a net gain between May 1 and June 30," Hirsch pointed out in his "Stock Trader's Almanac."

Ford ordered to recall cars

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP) — Officials of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Friday the fuel tanks of 1970-73 Ford Mavericks and 1971-73 Mercury Comets are potentially dangerous and can explode into flames in rear-end crashes.

It is the second official fuel fire problem for Ford Motor Co. in recent years. The company recalled 1.5 million Pinto and Mercury Bobcat sedans from the 1971-1977 model years to modify the fuel systems.

Earlier this week, Ford said it had fixed approximately 62 per cent of the estimated 1.2 million Pinto and Mercury cars still on the road.

Safety officials in Washington said the agency has received reports of 26 Maverick and Comet rear-impact collisions which caused fuel spillage and fire, resulting in 31 deaths and 19 injuries.



AT ANCHOR : A Hansa Lines container cargo ship lies anchored at Jeddah Islamic Port. A recent report by a British publication says the growth in container trade should continue for the next decade.

Report predicts

More container growth seen

LONDON, April 28 (AP) — The dramatic growth of the freight container industry should continue well into the 1980s, helping to revive some North American railroads and keep shipyards busy according to "Jane's Freight Containers 1979," published this week.

The number of containers in service is estimated to be growing every month by 30,000 units, wrote Patrick Finlay, editor of the authoritative annual world survey of container ports, operators and manufacturers.

The prediction is that the number will jump from the current 2.39 million units to \$ 6 million units in the next decade.

A container may be as short as six feet or as long as the new 44-foot rail container that Canada claims as a pioneer of that length. To get some uniformity, units are calculated on the 20-foot equivalent or TEU basis — the total number of containers multiplied by their length in feet divided by 20.

Paul Goldsilk, a specialist on North American railroads, wrote that various studies have been made of "improved and innovative hardware, systems and concepts that show promise for improving rail profitability."

But containers can mean more prosperous times for American railroads even with out new technology.

U.S., Soviets meet on economy

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP) — U.S. economic relations with the Soviet Union were discussed Friday at the State Department by U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin. A U.S. official, declining to be identified, said the Soviet envoy would also meet at least once and possibly several times with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance on nuclear weapons limitations.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Saturday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.39	3.39
Pound Sterling	6.92	7.10	6.98
Deutsche Mark (100)	179.00	179.60	177.75
Swiss F (100)	197.00	198.00	196.10
French F (100)	78.00	78.00	77.55
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.04
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	106.25	106.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	75.50	87.10
Egyptian Pound	—	—	4.56
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	12.18
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.15	11.15
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	88.25	88.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	88.25	88.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.82	8.82
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	40.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.25	74.40
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	77.50	87.75
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.40
Gold kg	—	26,500	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,100	—
Silver kg bar	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.55	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.96	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.12	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.65	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency exchange and commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah. Tel.: 23815

Japanese firm to explore for more Abu Dhabi oil

ABU DHABI, April 28 (R) — A Japanese oil company will spend \$ 16 million on oil exploration under a five-year concession agreement signed here Saturday, the official Emirates news agency WAM said.

The offshore concession, to the Abu Dhabi Oil Company (Japan), covers 1,582.5 square kilometers.

ADOCO will pay the government a bonus of \$ 1 million within 60 days of the signing, plus a fixed annual rental of \$ 100,000. It will also pay \$ 3 million on finding oil in commercial quantities and if exports average 100,000 barrels a day, WAM said.

The government has reserved the right to obtain for the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) 60 per cent participation once ADOCO begins production.

ADOCO was first granted a concession in 1967 in an offshore area relinquished by Abu Dhabi Marine Areas (ADMA), then two-thirds owned by British Petroleum and one-third by Compagnie Francaise des Petroles.

Spanish revalue peseta, dropping it 2.8 per cent

MADRID, April 28 (AP) — The Spanish peseta was revalued by 2.8 per cent against all foreign currencies on Friday.

At the opening of Spanish foreign exchange markets the quotation was 67.60 pesetas to one dollar. It dropped to 66.02 pesetas at the closing.

Economic sources said the revaluation came as a result of a lesser intervention of the Bank of Spain at the fixing. They said the bank Friday purchased less foreign currency than in previous days as a result of Spain's large amount of gold and foreign currency reserves.

The Bank of Spain put those reserves at \$10.9 billion at the end of March.

Quotations in pesetas for other major foreign currencies at the closing of foreign exchange markets in Spain were:

French franc 15.127-204

against 15.534-612 Thursday.

Sterling 134.898-135.695

against 138.172-975.

West German living cost up by one-half per cent

WIESBADEN, West Germany, April 28 (R) — The official cost of living index in West Germany rose in April by half a per cent, according to provisional figures published by the government statistics office Friday.

The index, regarded as a measure of inflation, has risen in each of the past three months and now stands 3.5 per cent higher than one year ago, the office said.

Economic experts attributed the increase to the sharp jump in the price of domestic heating oil in the first quarter of the year.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Fencing of graveyards of Badr Al-Janoub in Nejr	26-97/98	500	June 19
" "	Fencing of Al-Qabel graveyard in Nejr	"	300	June 23
" "	Fencing of graveyards of Riyadh Al-Khobara in Qassim	"	1000	June 24
" "	Fencing of graveyards of Al-Mafraq and Oyan Al-Jawa in Qassim	"	500	June 25
" "	Eliminating of the dangers of flood and asphalt of main road in the village of Qasr Ibn Agil, under Al-Rass municipality, Qassim	"	500	June 26
" "	Constructing of flood barriers in the rural areas of Qunfuzah	"	1000	June 30
" "	Fencing of Al-Ledam graveyard in Wadi Al-Dawasser	"	200	July 1
" "	Fencing of graveyards of Bilad Al-Harth, in Taif	"	500	July 2

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TOKYO, April 28 (AP) — Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira said Saturday he believes Japan can double its official development assistance to the world's least developed nations from \$ 1.4 billion in 1978 to \$ 2.8 billion in 1980. Ohira made the comment at a news conference after he was asked if he would make any offers or positions for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development opening in Manila May 7. Ohira is scheduled to deliver a speech at the meeting May 10. While in Manila, he will meet President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines and will exchange views with representatives of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations members. Japan's promise to double its aid amount was made last year by Ohira's predecessor Takeo Fukuda.

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Middle East Shipping Information
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TOKYO, April 28 (AP) — Japan's Marubeni Corp. and Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd. have received an order to construct a new steel manufacturing plant at Hit, Iraq, about 90 kilometers west of Baghdad, Marubeni Corp. said in a news release Saturday. It said the order came from Iraq's Organization of Industrial Design and Construction, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Industry and Minerals.

Construction of the plant, with a yearly production capacity of about 1 million tons, is to be completed in 31.5 months after the contract is signed. Cost of the plant, according to the contract, is \$125 million Marubeni said.

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<h3>SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF</h3>				
CHANGES PAST 48 HRS.		DATE: 2 6.1399/28.4.1979		
		TIME: 0700 HRS.		
Vessels Working Berth No.	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of ca	Arrival Date
4	SINGAPORE ISLAND	U E P	CONTS/GENERAL	27.4.79
9	BARENTS SEA	KANOO	LOADING UREA	14.4.79
14	FATHULKHAIR	KANOO	GENERAL	27.4.79
16	FINN ARROW	S M C	GEN/CONTS	25.4.79
17	IBN BAJJAH	KANOO	STEEL/GEN/CONTS	25.4.79
18	UNITED VANGUARD	S E A	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	22.4.79
19	STAR CARRIER	ALSAADA	C. CEMENT / GENERAL	26.4.79
20	EASTERN BUILDER	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	19.4.79
21	ARABIAN LULUAH	BARBER	CEMENT SILO VESSEL	28.10.77
29	KALYPSO	GOSAIBI	TIMBER	27.4.79
VESSELS WORKING AT ANCH				
	PRIMULA	S M C	BULK CEMENT	24.4.79
2-RECENT ARRIVALS				
	VAN DYCK	GOSAIBI	CONTAINERS	26.4.79
	KOETHEN	U E P	GEN/CONTS	27.4.79
	TACOMA CITY	G M S	GENERAL	26.4.79
	FATHUL KHAIR	KANOO	GENERAL	27.4.79
	IBN QUTAIBAH	KANOO	GENERAL	26.4.79
	KALYPSO	GOSAIBI	TIMBER	27.4.79
	STAR CARRIER	AL SAADA	C. CEMENT/GENERAL	26.4.79
	SINGAPORE ISLAND	U EP	CONTS/GENERAL	27.4.79
	AUSTRALIA STAR	BARBER	CONTAINERS	27.4.79
	PANAMA	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	26.4.79
3-VESSELS EXPECTED WITH IN 24 HOURS				
	AHLI	GULF		
	IBN AL MOATAZ	KANOO		
	MERZARIO GRECIA	A E T		
	RHEINFELS	ALIREZA		
	OCEAN SINCERITY	A E T		
4 - TONNAGES DISCHARGED : (FREIGHT TONS) : 82,762				
5- WAITING TIME : NIL				
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1-VESSELS	DISCHARGING	AGENT	CARGO	ARR.DATE
BERTH	VESSEL			
1 A —	—	—	—	—
1 —	—	—	—	—
2 —	—	—	—	—
3 ABUL FEDA	S.E.A	GENERAL	27/4/79	
4 BARGES ATLANTIC	KANOO	FLOUR/RICE/GENERAL	22/4/79	
FOREST				
5 IRENE	ORRI	GENERAL	22/4/79	
6 —	—	—	—	
7 —	—	—	—	
8 —	—	—	—	
9 —	—	—	—	
10 —	—	—	—	
11 TSING CHAU	ALATAS	CONTAINERS/GENERAL	28/4/79	
12 —	—	—	—	
13 —	—	—	—	
14 SAUDI CROWN	O. TRADE	GENERAL	25/4/79	
15 RAPHAELIA	REDSEA	CONTAINERS/GENERAL	25/4/79	
		FOODSTUFFS		
16 —	—	—	—	
17 BARGES ATLANTIC	KANOO	BULK RICE	22/4/79	
FOREST				
18 ODYSSEUS	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	25/4/79	
19 —	—	—	—	
20 OCEAN RANGER	ANSOCO	CEMENT/GENERAL	27/4/79	
21 RODANTH 'A'	ORRI	BAGGED CEMENT	24/4/79	
22 —	—	—	—	
23 —	—	—	—	
27 FLUPINAS SAUOI 1	S.A.M.A	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—	
35 —	—	—	—	
36 —	—	—	—	
37 —	—	—	—	
38 —	—	—	—	
39 MARJAN	ORRI	STEEL BARS/PIPES	25/4/79	
		ENGINES/GENERAL		
40 —	—	—	—	
41 —	—	—	—	
42 ASTREA	M.T.A	TIMBER/PLY/LIME/	28/4/76	
		MARBLE/CONTAINERS		
43 FU CHIAO	O.C.E	ORANGES	15/4/79	
44 GALA GARIBALDI	STAR	REEFER	25/4/79	
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2- RECENT ARRIVALS				
IRENE	ORRI	GENERAL	27/4/79	
FOSS EMS	FAVEZ	RO RO	27/4/79	
ABUL FEDA	S.E.A	GENERAL	27/4/79	
OCEAN RANGER	ANSOCO	GENERAL	27/4/79	
OSTFRIESLAND	KANOO	CONTAINER	27/4/79	
3- VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITH IN NEXT 24 HOURS				
MARITIME TRADER	ALSAADA	GENERAL/CONTAINERS	28/4/79	
FAIR WIND	VENUS	TIMBER/PLY/WOOD/STEEL/	28/4/79	
		GENERAL		
RIMA TSIRIS	ORRI	STEEL BARS/STEEL COILS/	28/4/79	
		ASBESTOS		
GRIGOROUSSA	ALPHA	GENERAL	28/4/79	
SKULPTOR GOLUBKINA	A.E.T	CONTAINERS/RO RO	28/4/79	
SKOTLANO	BARBER	CONTAINERS	28/4/79	
PELAGOS	M.T.A	CONTAINERS	28/4/79	
FRALINFELS	ALREZZA	CONTAINERS	28/4/79	
IBN AL NAFEEES	KANOO	CONTAINERS	28/4/79	
4- TONNAGES DISCHARGED: (FREIGHT TONS): 29.262				
5- WAITING TIME: NIL				
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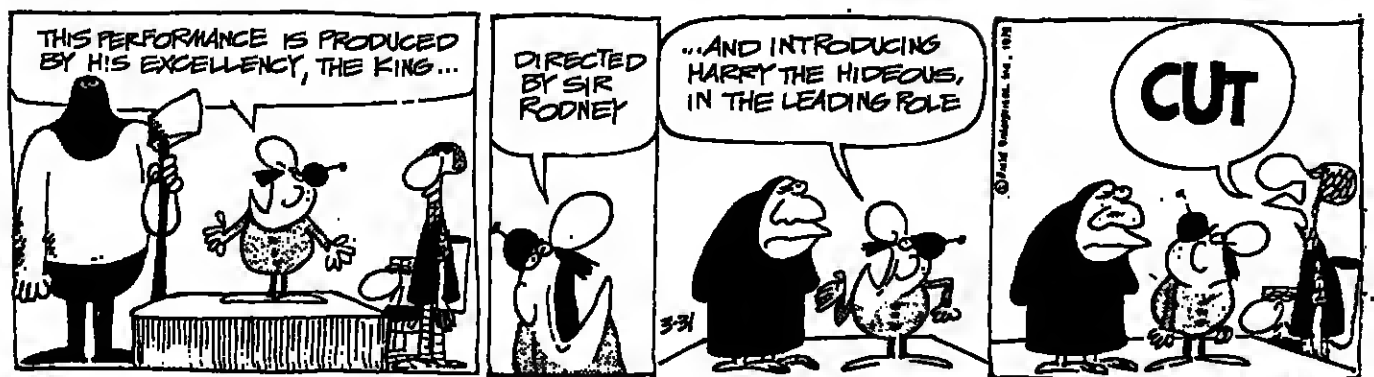
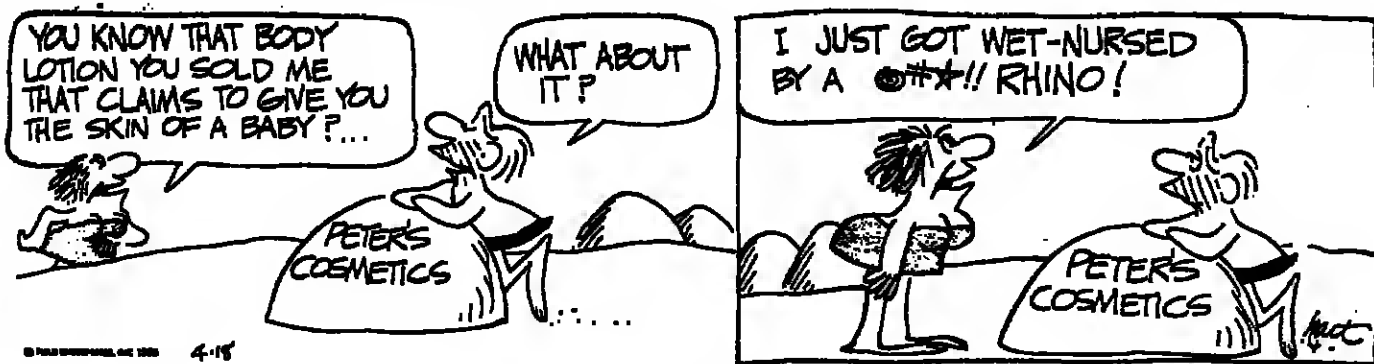
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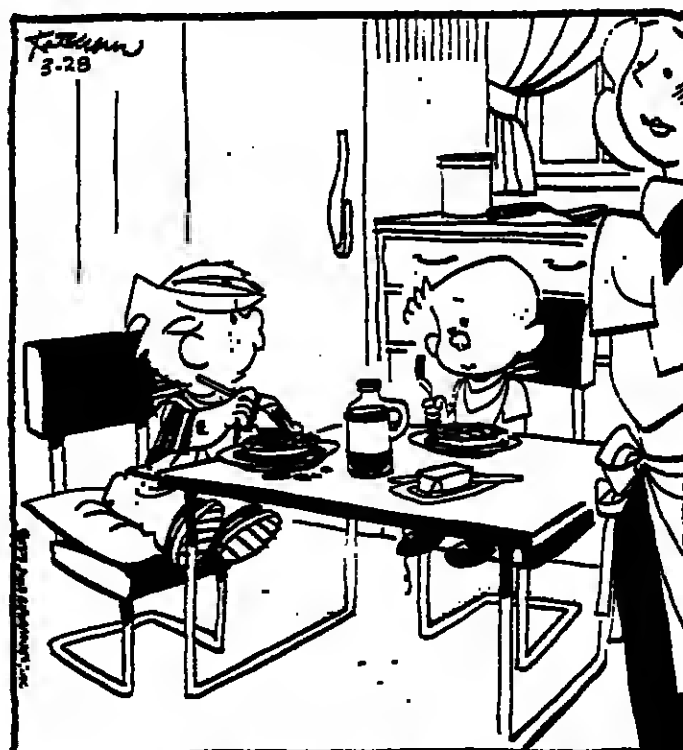
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Dennis the Menace



'Round waffles is better 'cause your STUMMICK is round, and if ya eat a lot of 'em, they stack better.'

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

DOWN

1 Search house

1 Arrive; recover

7 Its capital

15 Rugs; abbr.

16 "Wuthering Heights" star

17 "My Name Is..."

18 Parched

19 Old-time ale

20 Once more

21 Type of wire

22 Vetch

23 Cheese

24 Big house

25 Keeper

26 Hanoi

27 Holiday

28 Blonnie's dog

29 Grecian

30 Theaters

31 Antoine de

32 Exasperate

33 Swampy

34 Flock

35 Urges on

36 Greek

37 Island

38 Add on

39 Years

40 Real estate

41 Deal

42 Algerian

43 port

44 Not

45 Locuste

46 Jeremiah

47 Swelling

48 Items of

49 business

50 Way

51 before

52 Human

53 being



Yesterday's Answer

21 Woo 29 Type of library

22 Vetch 30 Hag

23 Cheese 31 Western heavy, Jack

24 Big house 32 Neighbor of Zaire

25 Keeper 33 Of old

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE

LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

VKCRQEWYC WH N KNIF XAFX

PDWYD FDC HDWVPKCYMCE

TWAE YUNTLCX NAE VNEEUH

FX BNICFZ - LCA DCYDF

Yesterday's Cryptquote: YOU MAY BE DECEIVED IF YOU TRUST TOO MUCH, BUT YOU WILL LIVE IN TORMENT IF YOU DON'T TRUST ENOUGH - FRANK CRANE

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THE COELOPHYSIS - A DINOSAUR THAT LIVED IN THE TRIASSIC PERIOD SOME 200 MILLION YEARS AGO, WAS ONLY 3 FEET HIGH

Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

A Very Rare Situation

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 7 6 4 2

♥ 9 8 5

♦ K Q

♣ K Q J 10

WEST

♠ 8 5 3

♥ K J 10 8

♦ K 5 4

♣ A J 8

EAST

♠ 10 7 3

♥ 7 6 5 4

♦ 9 7 5 3

♣ 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A

♥ A Q 9 2

♦ 10 4 2

♣ A 8 7 6

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

Opening lead - five of clubs.

The squeeze is usually regarded as the most erudite play in bridge - perhaps because of the infinite variety of guises in which it appears.

Here is an example of an exotic squeeze executed by Tim Sere, generally considered Australia's top player.

Had West led any suit but a trump, Sere would have made the slam easily after taking a heart finesse. He would have ruffed two hearts and a diamond in dummy to produce twelve tricks.

But West led a trump and Sere now had an unusually

difficult task to perform. He took the trump lead in dummy and ruffed the queen of hearts successfully. But when he then cashed the ace of spades and led a diamond, West took his ace and led a second trump.

Sere took the return in dummy, ruffed a spade, played a diamond to the king, ruffed another spade, cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart in dummy, producing this position:

North

♠ Q 7

♥ -

♦ -

♣ K

East

♠ K

♥ -

♦ 9 7

♣ -

South

♠ -

♥ 9

♦ 10

♣ -

Sere now ruffed the seven of spades, placing West in a hopeless position. If he discarded a heart, South would lead his heart winner and take the last two tricks whether or not West ruffed. The outcome would be exactly the same if West discarded a diamond instead of a heart. And finally, if West under-ruffed South's ace, dummy would score the last two tricks.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Sunday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:36	5:57	12:25	3:47	6:48	8:18
Medina	4:30	5:47	12:27	3:54	6:52	8:22
Nejd	4:02	5:28	11:57	3:23	6:22	7:52

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street: No. 1082
6:30 George Kirby Show	Nancy Wilson
6:54 Welcome Back Kotter	Kotter For Vice Principal
7:25 Rickford Files	Rattler's Class Of 63
8:13 NFL Football	Highlights: No. 12, Minn. Vs. L.A.

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours: Northerly winds will get active over the eastern and northeastern regions causing a slight fall in the temperatures and raising dust and sands occasionally. Likewise, winds of moderate to active speed may cause dusty conditions and raise the temperatures over the western and northwestern regions.

Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the Red Sea and moderate to choppy in the Gulf.

Saturday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	38	26	Tabuk	33	19
Jeddah	36	24	Al-Jauf	27	13
Riyadh	34	18	Turaif	28	09
Dhahran	32	19	Rafha	28	16
Medina	37	24	Yanbu	38	24
Taif	31	17	Abha	27	11

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:00 Opening	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. - Historical Notes	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Melody Makers
2:30 Hits in Germany	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Hot Rock
3:15 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
3:20 Islamic Activities	12:00 Imp. Com. & Recollections
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:10 Music
3:40 Music	12:15 Mood Music
3:50 close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
Evening Transmission	10:00 Close Down
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup:	News Summary
Reports: Actualities:	VOA Magazine:
Opinion; Analyses	America; Science;
8:30 Dateline	Cultural; Letter
News Summary	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English:	(Standards)
News; Feature: The	VOA WORLD REPORT
Making of a Nation	Midnight
News Summary	12:00 News newsmakers'
9:30 Music USA:	voices correspondents
(Standards)	reports background
0:00 News Roundup:	features media comments
Reports: Actualities	ews analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours	6:00 Radio Newsreel
News Summary	6:15 *Outlook
8:30 *Sarah Ward	7:00 World News
8:45 World Today	7:09 Commentary
9:00 Newsdesk	7:15 *Sherlock Holmes
9:30 *Opera Star	7:45 World Today
10:00 World News	8:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8:09 *Books and Writers
News Summary	8:30 *Take One
10:30 *Sarah Ward	8:45 Sports Round-up
10:45 *Something to Show	9:00 World News
You	9:09 News about Britain
11:00 World News	9:15 Radio Newsreel
11:09 Reflections	9:30 Farming World
11:15 Piano Style	10:00 Outlook News
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	Summary
12:00 World News	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:09 British Press Review	10:43 Look Ahead
12:15 World Today	10:45 Ulster in Focus
12:30 Financial News	11:00 World News
12:40 Look Ahead	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
12:45 The Tony Myatt	News Summary
Request Show	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
Evening Transmission	Midnight Transmission
1:15 Ulster in Focus	12:15 Talkabout
1:30 Discovery	12:45 Nature
2:00 World News	Notebook
2:09 News about Britain	1:00 World News
2:15 Alphabet of	1:09 World Today
Musical Curios	1:25 Financial News
2:30 Sports International:	1:35 Book Choice
2:40 Radio Newsreel	1:40 Reflections
3:15 Promenade Concert	1:45 Sports Round-up
3:45 Sports Round-up	2:00 World News
4:00 World News	2:09 Commentary
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours:	2:15 The Face of England
News Summary	

Your Individual Horoscope

Fraances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Early morning hours could signal a confrontation. Later, you're able to talk about it, but communications could break down again.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Inner resentments could disturb sleep in the early a.m. Purchase necessary items, but don't grumble about the price tag later.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

The stars indicate trouble with efforts to communicate, and later to the day you're liable to be somewhat difficult to reach yourself.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Tension on the home front could leave you to the mood for solitude. Try not to take out your grievances on those who interrupt your privacy.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Your perspective about a matter undergoes transformation. Cordial relations with others could switch in midstream.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

After a hopeful beginning, a career proposal seems to have

too many loose ends. Avoid disputes about financial matters.

LIBRA

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Others may be put out today and easily offended. Don't feel rebuffed if peace-making efforts fall short of success.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You may offer your grudging assistance on a project but will be quick to take offense if provoked. Guard financial interests.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Though there are some favorable developments re romantic interests, today's activities leave you somewhat uncertain.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Work activities may be interrupted. Though you'll make some strides, protect health from nerves or over-tiredness.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You may be somewhat bewildered by day's end. After an auspicious beginning, a romantic or recreational outing has a surprising outcome.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Stay clear of financial disagreements. A confusing situation on the homefront that arises suddenly may have you somewhat baffled.

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Still tipped to win

Mrs. Thatcher's lead slips with five days before vote

LONDON, April 28 (AP) — With only five days to go, London's bookmakers Saturday retained Margaret Thatcher's Conservatives as favorites to win the May 3 national election, a victory that would send her to 10

Downing St. as Europe's first woman prime minister.

The latest opinion polls show the Conservatives' lead slashed. The Mori Poll published in Saturday's "Daily Express" found

Mrs. Thatcher's party now just 3 per cent ahead of Prime Minister James Callaghan's Labor Party. A week ago the poll had her 6 per cent ahead, and the week before that, her lead was estimated at 12 per cent.

Retreat

It had been "a week of retreat for the Tories," Callaghan told jubilant supporters in Edinburgh, Saturday night.

However, even a narrow 3-per cent Tory lead would push Callaghan from power if reflected in next Thursday's balloting.

Labor leaders were busy assuring everyone that the Conservatives' lead will be further eroded in the next few days and that Labor will come from behind and return to the House in triumph.

Not Worried

But Mrs. Thatcher, dubbed the Iron Lady by the Kremlin because of her attacks on Soviet military might, shrugged off the polls. She said "I am not worried. The poll that matters is the one next Thursday."

Powell

Enoch Powell, who quit the Conservative Party to sit for the pro-British Unionist Party of Northern Ireland, Saturday urged voters to cast their ballots for only those candidates who pledge to pull Britain out of the Common Market.

His move added a new element of uncertainty to the campaign as he has a considerable personal following which crosses party lines.

Powell made world headlines a few years ago when he predicted that racial violence would lead to "rivers of blood" in Britain.

There are about 40 tests where a mere handful of votes could decide the seat so Powell's advice could influence the outcome. Some analysts said Powell's exhortation to vote Labor in the two elections of 1974 defeated the Conservatives.

Liberals

David Steel, leader of the Liberals, commenting on his party's improved showing, told a crowd of supporters in Scotland: "The gap between the two other parties is closing and we are moving up."

Arrested after firing twice

Russian attacks U.S. embassy

MOSCOW, April 28 (R) — A Soviet citizen claiming to be carrying a bomb forced his way into the United States embassy Friday and fired two shots before being persuaded to leave.

Soviet police arrested the man who had two sawn-off shotguns, as soon as he was outside the embassy, an official U.S. statement said.

No one was hurt and no embassy property damaged, it said.

The man, whose name and age were apparently not known to

embassy officials, have no reason for entering the embassy by forcing a taxi to drive past Soviet police guards at its north entrance.

Nor did he make any requests when U.S. officials spoke to him, the statement said.

Last month a young Soviet

marine trying to emigrate to the United States blew himself up inside the embassy with a bomb strapped to his waist.

The Soviet Union accused the embassy of cowardice in calling in Soviet police to deal with the marine, who it said had a criminal record, when he was found to be dangerous.

Embassy officials said they asked Soviet police to deal with him when they decided he was of unsound mind.

Friday's incident was handled by embassy officials on Ambassador Malcolm Toon's personal instructions, the official statement said.

Before firing two shots in the embassy courtyard the man spoke through a window to a Soviet telephone operator who alerted embassy officials.



HARANGUE: Mrs. Thatcher, leader of the Conservative Party, wags her finger at housewife Mary Wastell during a heated argument between the two women in Newcastle recently. Mrs. Wastell accused Mrs. Thatcher as she began a campaign speech. (AP photo)

41,000 tons leaking

Oil tanker sinks off Brittany

BREST, France April 28 (AP) — A gashed-open tanker loaded with 41,000 tons of crude oil sank off Brittany Saturday, menacing the same northwest French coast devastated last year by the wreck of the American supertanker Amoco Cadiz in the world's worst oil spill disaster.

A small flotilla of tug and small cleanup boats along with at least one surveillance helicopter battled 529-kilometer long oil slick from the wreckage of the Liberian-registered Gino, located some 115 kilometers southwest of this Brittany port.

Heavy fog hampered efforts to determine how much crude oil had already spilled into the Atlantic, maritime authorities said. It was also not known if crude was still pouring from the sunken 28,695-ton tanker.

Nonetheless, French experts said there was no immediate danger of another Amoco Cadiz-type "black tide" of crude oil mucking beaches, killing fish and birds and ruining the Brittany coast's usually lucrative tourist season.

"We are preparing for any eventuality but we hope we will not have to use our full contingency plan," Environment Minister Michel D'Ornano said.

The Gino, enroute from the United States to the French port Le Havre, sank some seven hours after colliding with the empty Norwegian tanker Team Coaster in foggy, predawn darkness.

The Rotterdam-bound, 18,000-ton Norwegian tanker suffered bow damage but remained navigable. A Soviet ship rescued all 33 members of the Gino crew.

The tankers were forced to jettison a total of 165 tons of fuel into the Atlantic.

The collision occurred in international waters some 115 kilometers southwest of Brest, outside the jurisdiction of French maritime regulations which were tightened Jan. 1, 1979, as a result of the Amoco Cadiz disaster.

A 20-knot wind blowing in from the north encouraged French experts to believe the spilled fuel and oil would be pushed away from the coast toward the open sea.

Peking rehabilitates victims of 1960s Cultural Revolution

By Graham Ershaw

PEKING, April 28 (R) — Hundreds of people purged or disgraced during China's Cultural Revolution, including some long dead, have been "rehabilitated" this week.

A steady stream of stories appeared in China's newspapers during the week reporting mass rehabilitation meetings in various parts of the country for former leaders or "model workers."

Saturday's "Workers' Daily" reported that over 2,700 model workers in Tientsin had "had their honor restored," while 33 elderly workers in the western city of Xian (Sian) had been formally rehabilitated.

In Peking earlier in the week,

840 people disgraced for being landlords, rich peasants, Counter-revolutionaries or "bad elements" were rehabilitated, while in Shanghai, a memorial meeting was held for the noted translator Pu Lei, father of concert pianist Pu Te'ong, at which he was formally rehabilitated.

The entire underground Communist Party organization in Shanghai before the Communist victory in 1949, disgraced during the Cultural Revolution, was also exonerated.

The New China News Agency said that 3,600 former members of the organization were placed under surveillance in 1967, and four of them were "persecuted" to death.

The rehabilitations, combined with a series of memorial meetings for former prominent leaders over the past week, go a long way towards setting the record straight as China's present leaders see it.

On a wider scale, they also free many highly-skilled and experienced workers to make full use of their talents as China presses ahead with its modernization campaign.

But the rehabilitation everyone is waiting for is that of Liu Shaoqi (Liu Shao-chi) China's former head of state and the most prominent victim of the Cultural Revolution, who is believed to have died several years ago.

"They are pressing ahead with bringing the old boys back, even from the dead, and there's really only Liu left to be restored," said one diplomatic source.

Dikes under pressure

Floods sweep U.S. and Canadian west

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP) — Thousands of weary farm families and townspeople along a 160-kilometer stretch of the flooding Red River kept watch overnight Friday on soggy earthen dikes, softening after 10 days of holding back the river from the fertile prairie farmland of the upper Midwest.

Flood waters from the north-flowing Red and its tributaries have formed seas 15 miles wide along the upper Red River Valley of North Dakota, Minnesota and the Canadian province of Manitoba.

"There are farmers who are trying to build their farm dikes higher, but they have nothing to build with," Orley Gunderson, civil defense director for East Grand Forks, Minnesota, said Friday. "You see water seeping through their dikes, and they have no pumps to get it out."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says a record 825,650 acres have been flooded, causing nearly \$ 59 million in damages in North Dakota and Minnesota. About 2,000 persons remained away from their homes in the two states.

Grand Forks, North Dakota, with 54,000 residents, was the scene around the clock fight against the flooding.

More than 2,000 Canadians have left their homes in Manitoba, while seven reception centers have been set up in Winnipeg for the homeless.

Tourism group suspends Egypt over peace pact

AMMAN, April 28 (Agencies) — The regional committee of the World Tourism Organization decided Saturday to suspend Egypt's membership and transfer the committee's headquarters from Cairo to Amman, following the signing of the peace treaty with Israel.

The official Jordanian news agency said the decision was taken at the end of a three-day meeting here in which representatives from Jordan, Bahrain, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and South and North Yemen took part.

The 12-member commission's decision was in compliance with sanction imposed by Arab League foreign and finance ministers against Egypt for signing a peace treaty with Israel.



DIKE WATCHING: A worker carries more sandbags along a dike at Grand Forks, North Dakota, as the Red River's waters continued to rise, threatening the houses in the background and scores of others. There have also been serious floods in the Deep South as spring rains swell other wide placid rivers. (AP photo)

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New

Iran has delayed restoring diplomatic relations with Libya because of the missing Imam. Demonstrators carried placards in Arabic and Persian reading "U.S. and Israel are the enemies of the Lebanese people" and "Arafat is victorious."

Later, the foreign ministry on behalf of the Islamic republic, denounced rightist Lebanese leader Maj. Saad Haddad's decision declaring a free Lebanese state.

In a statement it described Haddad's move as a "plot devised to present blatant aggression by

Israel and the massacre of innocent people and the disintegration of Lebanon which started seven years ago as a beneficial move for the imperialist governments."

The ministry said that "while condemning the efforts of Maj. Haddad which is directed at realizing the old Israeli wish for the disintegration of Arab lands, announces its full support for Lebanon's territorial integrity and independence. It also states its support for the legitimate rights of the Lebanese state as well as the Shiites of southern Lebanon."

Sadat

for political and economic talks with the two countries' leaders.

The paper said Vance's talks would "specifically deal with the next stage of settling the Middle East problem, especially the

negotiations on the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip."

Vance will spend a day in Cairo before proceeding to El Arish to join President Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin

in attending celebrations mark the handover of the Sinai to Egypt on May 27, the p-

It said Vance would stay overnight in Israel before proceeding to Rome on May 28.

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